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Jeremy Thorpe spoke of killing male model, Crown say

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Mr Holmes and Mr Scott were to go to Cornwall and on the way Mr Holmes was to take Mr Scott into a public house, get him drunk, then drive on to the Cornish moors and shoot him.

Mr Bessell said that after he objected to shooting, Mr Thorpe had said: "In that case it will have to be poison."

Mr Bessell continued: "Mr Holmes, who has a sense of humour, said that it would look rather odd if Mr Scott dropped dead off the bar stool." Mr Bessell said: "I, too, have a sense of humour and I said he could apologize to the landlord and ask directions to the mineshaft."

"Mr Thorpe has a wonderful sense of humour, but it was not evident on that occasion. Mr Thorpe did not respond to the joke and chided me for not taking the matter seriously."

Mr Bessell said that Mr Thorpe was relieved at news of the marriage of Mr Scott and accepted that it made the plan evolved impracticable. He had said: "It would still have been better if the ultimate solution had been used."

Earlier Mr Peter Taylor, QC, for the Crown, said that Mr Scott (whose real name was Josiffe) met Mr Thorpe at stables in Oxfordshire. Later he got in touch with Mr Thorpe at the House of Commons after suffering a nervous breakdown and asked the MP for help.

Mr Thorpe took him to his mother's house at Oxted, Surrey, where he introduced him as a member of a camera crew. Counsel added: "During the night Mr Thorpe entered Josiffe's room, made advances to him, and homosexual relations occurred." Mr Thorpe then provided a furnished room for him in Draycott Close, London, at his own instigation and expense. He paid frequent visits there, and homosexual relations continued, certainly until the end of 1963.

Mr Taylor said that in 1974 Mr Scott went to live in the West Country, talked openly about his relationship with Mr Thorpe, and sought to publish the story.

Eventually, counsel added, Mr Holmes became convinced that as Mr Thorpe had repeatedly urged, the only way to stop the threat effectively was to kill Mr Scott. A plan was hatched to find someone who would kill him for a reward.

He met Mr Deakin, who recruited Mr Andrew Newton, an airline pilot, as the hired assassin, Mr Taylor said.

Mr Newton tried to lure Mr Scott on to the moors in Devon and eventually Mr Scott was taken out with his dog, Rinka, by Mr Newton in his car.

After saying that he felt tired, Mr Newton stopped the car and got out to allow Mr Scott to drive. But Mr Newton shot the dog. When he aimed the gun at Mr Scott, however, it jammed.

After his release from prison, Mr Newton was paid £5,000, half of the agreed price for the murder contract. The money was handed over to him by Mr Le Mesurier at a venue in South Wales.

Mr Taylor said the money came from a wealthy benefactor, Mr Jack Hayward, who intended it as a contribution to Liberal Party election funds. "But Mr Thorpe arranged for the money to be transferred by a devious route to Mr Holmes", Mr Taylor said.

Earlier, he said, Mr Scott had befriended a widow while living in Wales. The two travelled to London shortly after their meeting and met Mr David Steel, the Liberal Party leader, Lord Byers, and Mr Emlyn Hooson, MP, at the House of Commons, where Mr Scott's affair with Mr Thorpe was discussed.

Mr Edward Donati, chairman of West Somerset magistrates, made an order removing reporting restrictions after an application by Mr Gareth Williams, QC, who represents Mr Deakin.

Mr Thorpe was accompanied to the court by his wife, Marion, his mother, Mrs Ursula Thorpe, and Mr Clement Freud, MP.

The red-brick court was crowded with 31 journalists and 16 members of the public at the start of the proceedings, which are expected to last between two and three weeks. A large crowd gathered outside.

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Mr Thorpe arriving at the Court for the start of the hearing.

Iran's Premier plans new laws to open way for corruption trials

From Charles Douglas-Home
Tehran, Nov 20

Iran's new Prime Minister is to introduce laws to force Iranians in self-imposed exile to return home to face corruption investigations, on pain of losing their property if they stay away.

In the first interview given since he was appointed by the Shah on November 6, General Golamreza Azhari, the former Chief of Defence Staff, told *The Times* that he hoped to be only a temporary Prime Minister, but while he was it was he, and not the Shah, who was responsible for running the country.

He said that he intended to imprison corrupt officials, no matter what their previous rank or title, including members of the royal family, and insisted that the Shah himself has now changed and wants restoration of constitutional government.

The 61-year-old general was wearing service dress with gold eaglets over his right shoulder and six rows of medal ribbons, having just introduced his ministers and his programme to Parliament, which will vote on it tomorrow.

He outlined the three phases of his programme: a return to normality to get violence off the streets; stability brought about by a general return to work, ending the strikes which are paralysing the country; and increased measures to bring corrupt officials and industrialists to book.

Thereafter, General Azhari hopes to prepare for elections and hand over his office to a successor. "I am a temporary Prime Minister. I do *not* want to form a party or belong to one. The sooner I get back to my old office the better, and if Parliament does not endorse my programme on Tuesday, I will be back there the next day."

How long did he intend to remain Prime Minister to carry out his programme?—"Do you ask a fireman how long he will fight a fire? The answer is, until he has put the fire out."

Violence has decreased since "Black Sunday" the day before he was appointed, when rioters

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383 Americans dead in Guyana sect commune

Georgetown, Nov 20.—Jim Jones, head of a fanatical California religious cult, led his family and hundreds of his American disciples to their deaths in a mass suicide-murder ritual, the Guyanese Government reported today.

A total of 383 Americans died and between 600 to 800 other members of the People's Temple were missing, Mrs Shirley Field-Ridley, the Guyana Information Minister, announced.

The body of Mr Jones was found alongside his wife and their small son, according to Mr Christopher Nascimento, the Minister of State in the Office of the Guyana Prime Minister in New York. He said he did not know whether the 46-year-old Mr Jones died from poisoning or was shot.

Mrs Field-Ridley put the toll at 163 women, 82 children and 138 men. She said 17 shotguns, 14 rifles, seven pistols and one flare gun had been recovered.

Mr Mark Lane, an American lawyer acting for the cult, said at a news conference in Georgetown that the poisoned victims drank the lethal brew ladled out of a big tub by the commune's doctor and nurse.

Grinning executioners, loyal to Mr Jones until the end, mowed down many of the cult members as they tried to flee screaming into the jungle.

There was no indication of the type of poison used. Mass suicide of this magnitude would fit in with the cult's belief of resurrection from the dead.

Guyanese troops reached the camp today and found only one person alive.

Mr Lane said he counted 85 bursts of semi-automatic weapons fire as the bizarre death mass suicide began yesterday.

Members of Mr Jones's People's Temple sect massacred Mr Leo Ryan, the Democratic congressman from California, and four other Americans in a jungle ambush on Saturday as the Americans were heading back to the United States with 16 defectors from the commune near the Venezuela border. Eight other Americans were wounded.

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Long Indian summer a boost for burgundy

From Ian Murray
Paris, Nov 20

It seems that already 1978 is destined to become one of the great and, needless to say, expensive burgundy vintages. Both the rich red and fruity white wines of France's most prestigious vineyards are in short supply as eager buyers snap them up at high prices in the hope of laying down a great *cru* in their cellars.

The weather has made the wine. The long cold spring and less than sunny summer meant that what grapes there were developed slowly. Then came the long Indian summer of September and October which fattened and ripened the grapes in a rush at the end of the season, increasing the sugar content and making certain that the natural alcohol level would be high.

Yesterday saw the showpiece annual auction of the wines of the *Hospices de Beaune* and the prices paid confirmed the trend which is that 1978 is going to cost at least 50 per cent more than 1977.

The smaller harvest meant that there were only 362 *pieces* (barrels holding 228 litres) for sale compared with 585 last year. Nevertheless, the sale realized 6,063,000 francs (£713,300) compared to 6,644,664 francs last year—only 6.68 per cent down.

Prices paid for both red and white wines were 51.27 per cent higher than last year, but the reds were more eagerly sought, averaging 56.95 per cent more than in 1977. The highest price was paid for a *piece* of *Meursault Charmes*, which sold for 150,000 francs, but this was an exaggerated price as the barrel was a prestige growth being sold for the favourite charity of Signor Lino Ventura, the Italian actor.

Nevertheless more modest little *Chambertin* sold for 35,000 francs (£18 a litre), showing the general high price on offer.

The *Hospices* auction is not accepted by the trade as being a genuine barometer of prices. Nevertheless, this year it seems that the prices paid there could even be behind those being paid generally. Some of the best vineyards are being able to sell their wines at up to 100 per cent more than last year.

Last year saw an exceptionally low harvest, and this year the harvest is scarcely a third to a half of last year's, so the vintage has a certain rarity value over and above that given by its quality.

Prince hopes for naval career

Prince Andrew hopes to join the Royal Navy for flying duties after he leaves Gordonstoun school next summer. Buckingham Palace said yesterday that he will undertake routine flying aptitude and medical tests during December. He will apply for a 12-year short-career commission.

The Prince, who will be 19 in February, will join other applicants at the RAF officer and air crew selection centre at Biggin Hill on December 10. He will take air crew aptitude tests there and medical tests at HMS Daedalus. If he passes, he will hope to join the Navy towards the end of next year.

Peace formula at Ford

By our Labour Editor

The Ford strike against the Government's incomes policy is as good as over, and the unions are not too happy about the outcome of their nine week stoppage.

Mass meetings of the 57,000 manual workers are being called for tomorrow to endorse a 17 per cent pay rise package

Mr Ronald Todd, national officer of the Transport and General Workers' Union and chief union negotiator, admitted: "We are not totally happy with this agreement, but we think it is the best we can achieve."

Ford Motors have made limited concessions in their agreement designed to end the stoppage, which has cost the loss of cars and commercial vehicles worth more than £400m at showroom values.

Ford's only concession yesterday, which clinched the deal by a 33 to 12 vote of the negotiators, was to advance by a year a planned agreement to pay workers an enhanced hourly package for holidays.

The concession made by Ford to the supplementary bonus scheme will mean that workers who do not turn up on time will have to answer fewer questions on why they are late before they get a 5 per cent bonus.

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After today's shooting nervous policemen poured out of the barracks, fired into the air, and halted everyone in sight.

An anonymous telephone caller to the Bilbao Press Association, who claimed to represent the ETA, told police they would find two people tied to a post not far from the police barracks. They turned out to be owners of two of the cars used by the guerrillas in their attack.

In Elgoibar, near San Sebastian, two armed youths entered a sewing-machine factory and said they wanted to play a recorded tape over the public address system—but they left when they learnt that the factory did not have such a system.

About 3,000 people attended a memorial Mass at Franco's tomb in the Valley of the Fallen, near Madrid. Many wore the blue shirts of the Falange movement.

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Mr Cryer's responsibility for small businesses will be assumed by Mr Leslie Huckfield, the other Industry Under-Secretary.

Workers at the cooperative voted last week in favour of a takeover by a private firm when it became clear that the alternative was the appointment of a receiver.

Beer train blocks line after IRA hijacking

The Provisional IRA hijacked a train carrying beer from the Irish Republic to Belfast valued at more than £1m. The train was abandoned just north of the border after bombs were thought to have been placed on board. The operation is part of a new campaign of IRA violence which was condemned by Mr Roy Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Derry

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Access to raise rates

Access, the credit card company owned by three of the big clearing banks, is to raise charges for its 3.6 million customers from early in the New Year. But the rival Barclaycard says it has no immediate plans to follow. Access is increasing its monthly interest rate from 1¼ per cent to 2 per cent

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Secrets protest

More than 50 Labour backbenchers sought to get the Parliamentary Labour Party to pass virtual censure on Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, for authorizing prosecutions in the recent secrets case. Their motion demands immediate fulfilment of the party's commitment to replace the Official Secrets Act with a new measure on the withholding of information.

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Passion play trouble

The Oberammergau passion play faces a new controversy over its century-old text which the American branch of the International Council of Jews and Christians regards as antisemetic. It is threatening a boycott unless the village council, strongly in favour of the version, changes it

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Softer Israeli line

Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, has indicated that when his Cabinet resumes its deliberations today on the peace negotiations with Egypt, it will withdraw several of its reservations and declare its readiness to sign the draft treaty as it stood three weeks ago, provided Egypt also drops its latest demands

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Twin blow for North Sea policies

Government policies for North Sea oil and gas were dealt a twin blow yesterday. Esso announced that it was not applying for any new exploration sites on offer, and Shell said it would apply for only a small number. The decisions will be seen as a reflection of the Government's plans for an increase in petroleum revenue tax

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Prix Goncourt victor

France's leading literary award, the Prix Goncourt, has been won by M Patrick Modiano for his novel *Rue des boutiques obscures*. The prize was decided on the third ballot, but it took 15 ballots to determine a winner of the second-ranking Renaudot prize

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Chinese 'Khrushchev'

The *People's Daily* in Peking has pointed to the danger of a Chinese "Khrushchev" and insisted that Mao Tse-tung must not be lumped together with the Gang of Four. Wall posters have praised Chou En-lai for defending the people during the "fascism" of the Cultural Revolution

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El Dorado opening

The Gold of El Dorado exhibition, the largest collection of pre-Colombian gold ever assembled outside South America, opens at The Royal Academy today. The exhibition, mounted at a cost of £600,000, is expected to attract half a million visitors in the next 17 weeks

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Return of benefits

The Department of Health and Social Security demanded the return of the total amount paid to a woman in Sheffield who pleaded guilty to making false statements to obtain benefits.

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Public battle over Mulder succession

A public battle has broken out over the succession to Dr Connie Mulder as leader of the National Party in Transvaal. It is the most profound dispute to have afflicted the party since it came to power 30 years ago (Nicholas Ashford writes). The result could be more divisive than the schism of 1969 when Dr Albert Herzog resigned

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THORPE CONSPIRACY CASE



Personalities in the hearing before Minehead magistrates involving Mr Jeremy Thorpe include (left to right): Mr Peter Bessell, Mr Norman Scott, Mr George Deakin, Mr David Holmes, Mr Jack Hayward and Mr John Le Mesurier.

Former MP tells of Liberal leader's threat to kill himself

Jeremy Thorpe, the former leader of the Liberal Party, was involved in arranging a £10,000 murder contract after a homosexual affair in the 1960s threatened to ruin him, Mr Peter Taylor, QC, for the Crown, told magistrates at Minehead, Somerset, yesterday.

Committal proceedings against Mr Thorpe and three other men began, and reporting restrictions were lifted at the request of Mr Gareth Williams, QC, who appeared for one of the defendants, George Deakin.

Before the court are John Jeremy Thorpe, aged 49, Liberal MP for Devon, North, of Orme Square, Bayswater; David Malcolm Holmes, aged 48, a merchant banker, of Eaton Place, Belgravia, both London; John Le Mesurier, aged 46, a businessman, of St Bride's Major, near Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan; and George Deakin, aged 35, a gaming machine operator, of Baglan Road, Port Talbot, West Glamorgan.

All are charged that between October 1, 1968, and November 1, 1977, in Devon and elsewhere, they conspired together and with others to murder Norman Scott.

Mr Thorpe alone is further accused of unlawfully inciting Mr Holmes to murder Mr Scott.

Reporters representing home and overseas interests were surprised when in a totally unexpected move, counsel for Mr Deakin applied for reporting restrictions to be lifted. His application was granted by Mr Edward Donati, chairman of West Somerset magistrates.

Mrs Marion Thorpe, Mr Thorpe's wife, was sitting beside Mr Clement Freud, Liberal MP for Ely, on the public benches.

Mr Peter Taylor, QC, for the prosecution, said:

In 1959 Mr Jeremy Thorpe became a member of Parliament. In the early 1960s evidence will be that he had a homosexual relationship with Norman Scott; thereafter Scott was a continuing danger to his reputation and career, a matter of which Mr Thorpe was constantly reminded by Scott pestering him for help and talking of the relationship to others.

Mr Thorpe's anxiety became obsessive. Early in 1969, in the presence of Mr Bessell, a fellow Liberal MP, he incited his close friend, the defendant, David Holmes, to kill Norman Scott.

Holmes and Bessell tried, over a period, to dissuade him from this plan and to humour him. Less dramatic measures were suggested, and tried, seeking to get Scott out of the country to America, attempting to set him up in a job, paying him a retainer, purchasing damaging letters from him. But he remained a constant, continuing and serious threat.

In 1974 Scott had come to live in the West Country. He was talking about his relationship with Mr Thorpe and he was seeking to publish a story of it.

The accused Holmes eventually became convinced that, as Mr Thorpe had repeatedly urged, the only way to stop the threat effectively was to kill Norman Scott.

Mr Holmes had connexions in South Wales. He knew the accused, Le Mesurier, a carpet dealer, and through him he met Mr Deakin, who dealt in fruit machines. A plot was hatched to find someone who would kill Scott for a reward.

Deakin recruited Andrew Newton, an airline pilot, as a hired assassin. Deakin met Newton and briefed him.

Holmes also met Newton and briefed him further. Various attempts were made to lure Scott, until in October, 1975, Newton sought him out in Devon and drove him on to the moors.

There Newton produced a gun. Scott had brought a large dog with him. Newton shot the dog but failed to shoot Scott. Newton was arrested and convicted in March, 1976, of possessing a firearm with intent to endanger life. He was sent to prison.

On his release in 1977 he was paid £5,000, half the agreed price. In pursuance of the agreement, the money was handed over to him by the accused, Le Mesurier, at a remote venue in South Wales.

The money to pay for this contract came from a wealthy benefactor who intended it simply as a contribution to Liberal Party election funds. But Mr Thorpe personally arranged for the money to be transferred by a devious route to Mr Holmes. That, in a nutshell, is what the case is about.

Mr Taylor alleged that the money paid to Mr Newton came from cash given to the Liberal Party by Mr Jack Hayward, a millionaire based in the Bahamas. Mr Hayward, he said, did not know what the money was being used for; he thought it was to cover election expenses.

In 1961, counsel continued, Mr Scott was known as Norman Josiffe. He was 21, a bachelor, and was involved in training horses at the Oxfordshire stables of a Mr Vater. He first briefly met Mr Thorpe when the former Liberal leader visited the stables.

Later Mr Scott fell out with his employer and went into a clinic suffering from a nervous breakdown. After completing his treatment he went to the House of Commons to see Mr Thorpe and asked for his help. That was probably November, 1961. Mr Thorpe took Mr Scott to his mother's house at Oxted, Surrey.

Mr Thorpe introduced Mr Scott as a member of a camera crew who was involved in a film about him. Mr Taylor continued: "During the night Thorpe entered the room and made advances to Scott and homosexual relations took place."

The next day Mr Thorpe went abroad and Mr Scott moved into a furnished room in Draycott Place, near Westminster, at Mr Thorpe's expense. When Mr Thorpe returned from his visit he frequently visited Mr Scott and homosexual relations took place on and off at least until 1963.

Shoes were bought for Mr Scott, paid for out of Mr Thorpe's account, Mr Taylor said. At Christmas, 1961, Mr Thorpe arranged for Mr Scott to stay with some friends, a Mr and Mrs Collier, at Tiverton, Devon. One day the Colliers, Mr Thorpe and Mr Scott had lunch at the Broomshill Hotel, Barnstaple, and later, it was alleged, homosexual relations took place between Mr Scott and Mr Thorpe.

Late in 1962 Mr Scott went to London and lived for a while at Mr Thorpe's flat at Marsham Court, counsel added.

In February, 1963, Mr Thorpe arranged for Mr Scott to go to Switzerland to work as a groom, but Mr Scott returned after only two or three days. Afterwards Mr Scott went to Ireland, where he was looking after horses.

He had two major difficulties, Mr Taylor said. First, his national insurance card had not been returned by Mr Thorpe despite frequent requests. Secondly, luggage missing in Switzerland contained a number of compromising letters written to him by Mr Thorpe.

In March, 1965, Mr Scott decided to write a long letter to Mr Thorpe's mother from Dublin, where he was living. Counsel said the letter disclosed in detail the alleged relationship, and told the magistrates they would see a copy of it.

He added: "As to the truth of the allegations, it is only right to say that Mr Thorpe has flatly denied them in a statement to the police. However, the Crown has evidence in addition to Norman Scott's. There will be produced two letters, the tone of which support fully what Mr Scott said."

Mr Taylor continued: "There will be evidence from Mr Bessell of an admission made to him by Thorpe, confirming the story." In April, 1965, Mr Bessell was urgently requested to lunch by Mr Thorpe at the Ritz Hotel, London.

"They met and Mr Thorpe was very tense. He handed over to Mr Bessell the letter which Scott had written to his mother. Bessell read it and asked whether the contents were true. Mr Thorpe said they were."

Mr Bessell then offered to go to Dublin to see Mr Scott and Mr Thorpe was said to be 'relieved' by that.

A meeting took place in Ireland and Mr Bessell gave the former male model some money and heard his complaints about Mr Thorpe and his missing luggage in Switzerland.

Mr Taylor said that in June, 1965, the luggage arrived in the United Kingdom and Mr Bessell's secretary collected it from Victoria station and took it to Mr Bessell's office in Pall Mall. Mr Thorpe went to the office and retrieved the letters from the trunk before it was sent on to Mr Scott in Ireland.

In April, 1967, and the following July, Mr Scott approached Mr Bessell asking for help about obtaining a passport and an American visa. Mr Bessell was unable to get a visa but did obtain a passport. That year Mr Bessell started paying Mr Scott a "retainer" to keep him going until he got a job and went abroad.

It was alleged that a weekly sum of £5 was paid out of the petty cash from Mr Bessell's company and Mr Thorpe reimbursed his colleague. In all, about £600 to £700 was paid out, including one payment of £55 in May, 1968, to set Mr Scott up as male model.

Mr Taylor said that Mr Thorpe was also worried about other documents that might have been in Mr Scott's possession, and he devised a plan to get them from him.

At that stage Mr Holmes became involved in the story, the magistrates were told. Mr Holmes, a former deputy treasurer of the Liberal Party, was a friend of Mr Thorpe and had been best man at his first wedding.

Early in 1968 Mr Thorpe suggested to Mr Holmes that he should pose as a reporter from the German magazine, *Der Spiegel*, and offer money to Mr Scott for his story if he handed over letters confirming it. Nothing came out of Mr Holmes's attempt to get Mr Scott's letters. When Mr Holmes approached Mr Scott he denied he had any letters.

In December, 1968, Mr Bessell visited Mr Thorpe at the Liberal MP's room at the Commons. Mr Taylor said that Mr Thorpe was very depressed and described the Scott case as "like a black cloud always over him".

When Mr Thorpe was told there was no chance of getting Mr Scott a United States visa, he allegedly replied: "We have got to get rid of him".

Counsel said that Mr Bessell turned to Mr Thorpe and said: "You mean, knocking him off?" Mr Thorpe allegedly replied: "Yes". Mr Bessell tried to counter the suggestion, but Mr Thorpe continued discussing ways of disposing of the body, it was alleged, including dumping it in a tin mine.

Mr Taylor added: "Bessell said, 'It is diabolical'." Mr Thorpe's reply was ironical in the light of what later happened, because he said: "It is no worse than killing a sick dog."

Early in 1969 another meeting took place at the Commons, this time between Mr Bessell, Mr Holmes and Mr Thorpe when, Mr Taylor said, another plan to kill Mr Scott was discussed. Mr Holmes was again to pose as a reporter from *Der Spiegel*, lure Mr Scott to Cornwall and on the way there get him drunk and kill him.

Counsel continued: "Thorpe made it quite clear that he was sincere and intent." He wanted Mr Bessell and Mr Holmes to discuss the plan and report back to him, but at that stage Mr Holmes had no intention of carrying it out. Mr Bessell and Mr Holmes decided that their only course was to convince Mr Thorpe that the plan was unworkable.

Mr Taylor said that on May 13, 1969, Mr Scott married and Mr Thorpe was told that was a solution to his difficulty. Mr Bessell and Mr Holmes argued that Mr Scott would also want to keep silent about their relationship.

Counsel said Mr Thorpe was only partially convinced. He agreed that the plan could be shelved but described it as the "ultimate solution". Early in 1970, Mr Scott and his wife parted and again Mr Thorpe felt in danger. Mr Thorpe next sugegsted that Mr Scott should be taken to America and killed there.

In January, 1971, Mr Bessell was in America on business. To placate Mr Thorpe, Mr Holmes also went, and then went through a charade that they had tried to get Mr Scott to America but failed.

Meanwhile Mr Scott had moved to North Wales and had formed an association there with a widow, Mrs Gwen Parry-Jones.

Mr Taylor said that in May, 1971, Mr Scott and Mrs Parry-Jones visited London and spoke of his alleged relationship with Mr Thorpe to three prominent Liberals, Lord Byers, Mr David Steel and Mr Emlyn Hooson.

After that, discussions took place between the trio and Mr Thorpe.

Mrs Parry-Jones died in March, 1972, and Mr Scott continued to live in North Wales. In 1973 he moved to South Molton, in Mr Thorpe's North Devon constituency. Mr Scott began then to talk openly about his relationship with Mr Thorpe to anyone who listened.

Mr Scott met a freelance journalist called Gordon Winter, who took full details of his story and photocopied letters Mr Thorpe had sent to Mr Scott. On February 27, 1974, Mr Taylor said, the eve of the general election, a local doctor in South Molton, Dr Gleadale, visited Mr Scott at Mr Holmes's instigation and collected the letters.

The court was told that Dr Gleadale took the letters to Mr Holmes, who burnt them, which Mr Taylor described as a pointless exercise because they had been photocopied by Mr Winter. The next day, polling day, Dr Gleadale paid £2,500 into an account for Mr Scott at Lloyd's Bank, South Molton. The money had come from Mr Holmes, who later admitted that to the police.

Mr Taylor said that when questioned by the police last April Mr Holmes said he had not been reimbursed. He was asked: "Had you discussed this with Jeremy Thorpe?" Mr Holmes allegedly replied: "Not at the time, but well afterwards." Later, Mr Holmes told the police he wanted to withdraw his answers and said he could make no comment.

Mr Taylor said: "The Crown submit that Holmes was reimbursed", and then described how, a month after the £2,500 was handed over, Mr Thorpe wrote to Mr Hayward, of the Bahamas, previously a generous benefactor to the Liberal Party.

In his letter he asked Mr Hayward for £50,000, £40,000 to be paid into the Liberal Party general election fund and £10,000 to a Jersey businessman, Mr Nadir Dinshall.

Mr Taylor said Mr Thorpe gave the reason that he had been fighting a national and local campaign during the election from Barnstaple, and there had been an overlap in finance. Later, it was alleged, Mr Thorpe requested Mr Dinshall to pass on the money by cheque to David Holmes.

Late in 1974 workmen were renovating premises at 41 Pall Mall, London, which had previously been used by Mr Bessell as offices, Mr Taylor said. They discovered documents concealed in a ceiling cupboard. They included the letter which Mr Scott had written to Mr Thorpe's mother about their alleged relationship.

The workmen passed the documents over to the *Daily Mirror*, who returned them to Mr Thorpe, but only after copying them. Some time after 1974 Mr Holmes became convinced that Mr Thorpe was right about his plans to kill Mr Scott. He had said: "Plans were put in motion to find someone to do it."

The court was told that it was at that time that John Le Mesurier became involved in the alleged murder plot. Mr Le Mesurier had known Mr Holmes for some years through business, and he introduced his acquaintance to George Deakin.

Mr Taylor said that on one occasion, when all three were together, Mr Le Mesurier told Mr Deakin that a friend of Mr Holmes was being blackmailed, and asked if he knew anyone who could "frighten them off".

The magistrates were told that Mr Deakin spoke to Mr John Miller, a Cardiff businessman, and asked him if he knew anyone who would take on the job for money.

Mr Miller said he did, an airline pilot, Andrew Newton, whom he had known for many years. Mr Taylor said that before Mr Deakin and Mr Holmes met Mr Newton a case full of documents had been taken from Mr Scott. He was found at his Devon home by a man called Steiner, who said he was from *Der Spigel*, and said he wanted to see Mr Scott's letters.

The magistrates were told that in February, 1975, Mr Scott went to the Imperial Hotel, Barnstaple, and took his files and documents with him. While there he was telephoned by Mr Steiner and left the lounge to take the call. When he returned the file of documents was missing.

Shortly before that a car had been seen to pull up outside the hotel and the prosecution submitted that the two men inside, Mr Holmes and Mr Deakin, took the documents, which included a picture of Mr Scott in a modelling pose.

That was admitted by Mr Holmes and Mr Newton later, counsel added. Mr Deakin met Andrew Newton at a showmen's dinner at Blackpool on February 26, 1975, where they were introduced by Mr Miller. Later Mr Deakin met Mr Newton at the Aust service area on the M4, and gave him a composite photograph of Norman Scott which had been taken earlier from the Barnstaple hotel.

He also gave Mr Newton Mr Scott's address but surprisingly it was given as Dunstable instead of Barnstaple. Mr Newton was told that the man behind the contract to kill Norman Scott was powerful and influential.

Mr Taylor continued: "They parted on the agreed basis that Newton was to kill Scott for reward." After Mr Newton had spent some time looking for Mr Scott in Dunstable he got into touch with Mr Deakin and was given Mr Holmes's telephone number in Manchester.

Mr Holmes agreed to meet him at an hotel in Sloane Square, London. Counsel said: "At the meeting it was confirmed that Barnstaple was the address, and £10,000 would be paid."

Mr Holmes said that he would be far happier if Mr Scott disappeared "from the face of the earth" instead of his body being found. Mr Taylor said the £10,000 pay-out was again funded from donations made unwittingly by Mr Hayward from the Bahamas.

On March 5, 1975, a few days after the showmen's dinner, Mr Thorpe wrote to Mr Hayward asking for £10,000 to be paid again to Mr Dinshall in Jersey. Mr Thorpe spoke to Mr Dinshall and told him he could pay the money to David Holmes as and when he wanted it. Mr Holmes told the Jersey businessman he did not want the money paid by cheque that time but in cash.

Meanwhile, Mr Newton started to get in touch with Mr Scott to lure him to his death. Mr Newton's original plan, the counsel said, was to persuade Mr Scott to go to the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, and kill him there with a chisel.

Mr Holmes also suggested luring Mr Scott to the Holiday Inn at Bristol, but both ideas did not work out. Mr Newton made a number of telephone calls to the Market Inn, Bridgwater, where Mr Scott was living under the alias of Peter King.

After the telephone calls, Mr Newton, who lived in Blackpool, hired a Mazda car and accosted Mr Scott in the market place at Bridgwater, saying he was going to protect him. He left and drove back north.

On October 24, 1975, Mr Newton again went to Devon and saw Mr Scott. Mr Taylor said Mr Scott was on the defensive and took a Great Dane dog, Rinka, with him. He had owned the dog for a few days.

Mr Newton told Mr Scott he had to go to Porlock on business and drove Mr Scott to the Castle Hotel, Porlock, and said he would pick him up later. When Mr Newton returned, he drove Mr Scott across Exmoor towards Combe Martin. During the journey Mr Newton said he was tired and Mr Scott offered to drive.

Mr Newton pulled the car over and got out and then pulled out a Mauser gun, which he had been given by a friend, and shot Mr Scott's dog in the head. Mr Newton pointed the gun towards Mr Scott and said: "It is your turn."

But the gun did not fire. Mr Newton examined the weapon in the headlights of his car, then drove off cursing. Mr Scott was left alone, shaken.

The court was told that Mr Newton drove to Mr Miller's house in Cardiff, where he stripped the gun and found that it had jammed. The gun was left at Mr Miller's house and Mr Newton drove to London.

Mr Miller later followed with the weapon, which was hidden at Mr Newton's mother's home in Chiswick, London. Mr Newton, Mr Miller and Mr Newton's girl friend, Miss Eleanor Rooney, then left Heathrow airport, London, for a holiday in Pakistan.

Mr Taylor said that while Mr Newton was awaiting trial at Exeter Crown Court he met Mr Holmes at various places. On occasions Mr Holmes paid Mr Newton varying sums of money, £300 once, and £100 at another time.

Counsel said: "Newton said he was expecting at least half the contract price, and Holmes told him that was all right. Holmes said the money would be paid after Newton's release from prison."

On January 19, 1976, Mr Bessell met Mr Holmes at San Diego airport and gave him an untrue account of the shooting incident, saying Mr Scott had been blackmailing Mr Newton over a photograph.

Mr Holmes suggested that Mr Bessell wrote a letter suggesting that he also had been blackmailed by Mr Scott at one stage to give credence to Mr Newton's story. "Mr Bessell was unwilling because it was untrue."

However, later, on the understanding that the letter would never be made public, and to help Mr Thorpe, an old friend, he agreed to write the letter. The letter alleged that Mr Scott had blackmailed him over a fictitious affair with a secretary.

Mr Holmes told Mrs Marion Thorpe by telephone: "Mission accomplished". Mr Holmes allegedly told Mr Bessell that Andrew Newton had been hired to kill Mr Scott.

On January 29, 1976, Mr Scott appeared on a minor charge in court and blurted out that he was being persecuted because of his relationship with Jeremy Thorpe, counsel continued. Another incident about that time confirmed Mr Bessell's letter.

"It had been agreed only on a very confidential basis, but its contents were leaked and published, much to Mr Bessell's annoyance. "Mr Thorpe telephoned to Mr Bessell in California twice on February 2. Mr Bessell told Mr Thorpe he was going to write another letter, withdrawing his first one.

"Mr Thorpe became agitated and begged him not to do it. Bessell then asked if it was true that Mr Holmes had paid £10,000 for the letters."

Mr Thorpe had said Mr Holmes had paid for the letters himself.

Counsel said that in a telephone call to Mr Bessell Mr Thorpe "was showing himself fully privy and part of what was going on in relation to the Newton conspiracy."

Between March 16 and 19, 1976, Mr Newton went on trial in Exeter and was convicted of possessing a firearm with intent to endanger life, and sentenced to two years in jail.

On May 4 Mr Bessell was reported in the *Daily Mail* as admitting he lied to protect Mr Thorpe when he wrote his first letter about the blackmail.

Mr Taylor said that Mr Bessell had, in fact, written a second letter withdrawing his first one, and then received a letter from Mr Thorpe expressing horror at that withdrawal.

That was aimed at protecting Mr Thorpe and the Liberal Party from adverse publicity. Finally in May Mr Bessell made a statement saying that he had lied in the first letter.

Mr Newton was released from prison on April 6, 1977, and arrangements were made between Mr Le Mesurier and Mr Miller for payment. "By this stage of this very long and bizarre story", counsel said, "a number of the main characters had started rape recording conversations. Miller did so, Newton did so."

Mr Taylor said: "Miller agreed to drive Newton to a place called St Bride's Common, near Ogmore, on the South Wales coast. There Le Mesurier would meet them and hand over £5,000 to Newton, and Miller was to be paid £100 for his trouble."

Mr Miller not only recorded the conversation with Mr Le Mesurier, but he also had a firm of private detectives photograph the pay-off. That was on April 18 last year. He handed the money to Mr Newton in bundles of notes.

Counsel said Mr Le Mesurier arranged an air ticket to South Africa for Mr Newton but Mr Newton cashed it for £683 and then bought himself a cheaper ticket.

Counsel said Mr Thorpe was seen by the police and made a prepared statement. "In his statement he denies any homosexual relationship with Scott. He denies having anything to do with any couspiracy to kill Scott, and he also denies being party to the payment of money to either Newton or Scott."

Mr Thorpe had said in the statement: "At no time, however, have I ever authorized the use of these funds [£20,000 paid to him by Mr Hayward] for any payment of the kind alleged to either Scott or Newton, and any suggestion of me having done so is entirely without foundation."

Mr Taylor said: "The prosecution say that Mr Thorpe expressly arranged for the money to be posted through accounts unconnected with the Liberal Party to Mr Holmes. The money used to pay Newton came from, or was reimbursed through, this money held by Holmes."

Mr Peter Bessell then entered the witness box. He gave his address as South Strand, Oceanside, California. He said he became friendly with Mr Thorpe and became MP for Bodmin in 1964.

In the spring of 1965, he said, in the members' dining room of the House of Commons Mr Thorpe disclosed that he was homosexual.

Later Mr Thorpe showed him a letter addressed to Mr Thorpe and signed J. Jossife (Mr Scott's name). The letter began "Dear Mrs Thorpe. For last five years, as you p know, Jeremy and I hav homosexual relationship

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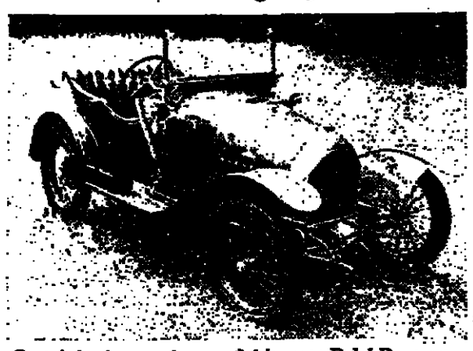
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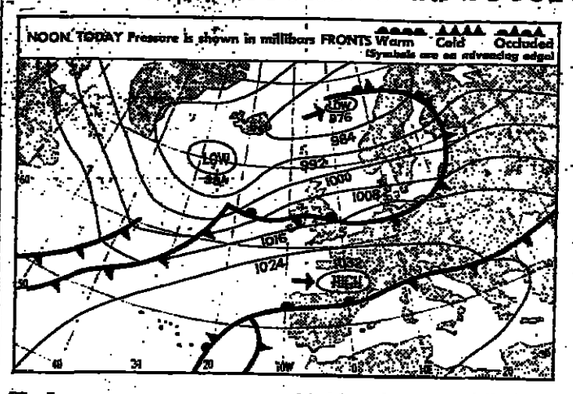
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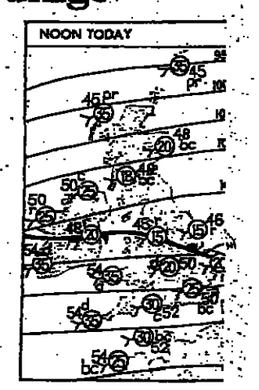
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Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 7.28 am Sun sets: 4.4 pm
Moon sets: 12.11 pm Moon rises: 10.16 pm
Last quarter: Tomorrow.
Lighting up: 4.34 pm to 7.0 am.

High water: London Bridge, 5.19 am, 6.4m (21.2ft); 5.50 pm, 6.4m (21.2ft). Avonmouth, 10.35 am, 11.1m (36.4ft); 10.59 pm, 10.7m (35.0ft). Dover, 2.26 am, 6.0m (19.8ft); 2.53 pm, 5.7m (18.6ft). Hull, 9.46 am, 6.1m (20.1ft); 9.45 pm, 6.3m (20.7ft). Liverpool, 2.47 am, 7.8m (25.5ft); 3.0 pm, 7.9m (25.9ft).

An SW airstream will be maintained over all districts.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, Central S and SW England, East Anglia, Channel Islands: rather cloudy, rain or drizzle at times, especially later; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 11° or 12°C (52° to 54°F).

Midlands, NW, Central N and NE England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, N Ireland: rather cloudy, rain or drizzle at times, bright intervals, especially later; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 11°C (52°F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll: rather cloudy, bright intervals, isolated showers; wind SW, strong to gale; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Moray Firth, NE and NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: scattered showers, bright intervals; wind SW, strong to gale; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Continuing changeable and windy with showers or outbreaks of rain in most places but also bright intervals; mild in S at first, becoming colder generally.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SW, fresh or strong; sea rough.

St George's Channel: Wind SW, strong; sea rough.

Irish Sea: Wind SW, st gale; sea very rough.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Aberdeen	s	20	68	Cologne	f	10	50	Lisbon	f	14	57
Algiers	s	30	86	Copenhagen	s	9	48	Locarno	s	9	48
Amsterdam	s	10	50	Dublin	r	8	46	London	s	11	52
Athens	s	16	61	Edinburgh	f	8	46	Luxembourg	fog	6	43
Barcelona	s	15	59	Florence	s	10	50	Madrid	s	10	50
Belfast	s	10	50	Funchal	c	21	70	Majorca	c	16	61
Belgrade	s	9	48	Geneva	s	9	48	Malaga	f	18	64
Berlin	f	11	52	Gibraltar	f	17	63	Malta	s	18	64
Bermuda	c	21	70	Guernsey	s	11	52	Tel Aviv	s	24	75
Biarritz	s	14	57	Helsinki	f	1	34	Manchester	s	9	48
Brussels	s	10	50	Innsbruck	s	8	46	Montreal	c	-3	27
Budapest	c	-2	28	Jersey	s	11	52	Moscow	c	10	50
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								Oslo	s	5	41
								Paris	c	11	52
								Reykjavik	c	1	34
								Rome	s	18	64
								Stockholm	f	5	41
								Valencia	s	20	68
								Vienna	c	7	45
								Warsaw	c	8	46
								Zurich	s	5	41

b—blue sky; h—hail; hour cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; d—drizzle; m—mist; r—rain; th—thunderstorms; ps—showers; periodical rain with snow.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 p pm. 12°C (54°F); min, 6 6 am. 5°C (41°F). Hum pm, 66 per cent. Rain 6 pm, 0.03in. Sun, 24hr to 7.4hr. Bar. mean sea level 1,025.4 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Overseas selling prices
Austria, Sch 18; Belgium, Canaries, Pes 60; Denmark, Fr Finland, Fmk 2.50; France, F Germany, Dmk 0.80; Greece, Holland, Dfl 0.60; Morocco, 6.00; Italy, Lire 700; Lux Lf 25; Madeira, Esc 25; Mal Norway, Kr 1.50; Portugal, Escm. Pes 60; Sweden, Sw Switzerland, Sfr 0.50; USA, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 25.

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Speaking after visiting families made homeless by an IRA bomb attack in Castlederg, co Tyrone, Dr Daly accused the Provisionals of perpetrating "cowardly and totally immoral actions against defenceless and harmless people".

Mr Mason met police and Army chiefs at Stormont to discuss the campaign. He said later: "It has always been acknowledge that the Provisional IRA retained the capacity to carry out attacks of the sort seen in recent days.

"They were incidents of wanton damage which were designed to destroy property and services on which the community depended."

In Dublin yesterday bombs exploded under two cars in a residential suburb. The police said neither owner had any connexion with political or terrorist groups.

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about 50 minutes Mr Callaghan's aides declined to give details about what was discussed, it was learnt authoritatively that the two sides had debated organizational efforts to support the Labour Party to win the next election.

It was also disclosed that they had agreed to differ on the crucial issue of the 5 per cent pay limit, the understanding apparently being that the Government and the unions ought not to feed Conservative criticism of their already strained relationship.

Cardboard furniture for violent prisoners

By Penny Symon

The Home Office is to put cardboard furniture in the cells of some of the most violent prisoners. The furniture comes in kit form and other prisoners will be taught to assemble it.

A set comprises table, chair and washstand. The furniture is light, cannot easily be broken or made into weapons and is treated with a fire retarding compound.

It has been introduced experimentally and the Home Office considers it should be made available to all prisons. It will be used in segregation and hospital wings where the most violent and mentally disordered offenders are housed.

The furniture will be welcomed by prison staff. An officer at Parkhurst maximum security prison, on the Isle of Wight, said yesterday: "We have lost count of the times table and chair legs have been wielded as clubs against us or against other prisoners."

There is concern about the number of mentally disturbed offenders in prison. In a Commons written reply yesterday Dr Shirley Summerskill, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, said that 581 people in prison were considered to be suffering from mental disorders and of those, 377 were serving a prison sentence.

A recent report from the Commons Expenditure Committee on reducing pressure on the prison system recommended that the Department of Health and Social Security should accept more responsibility for prisoners who were suffering from mental disorder of a nature warranting detention under the Mental Health Act, 1959.

In particular, the report said, the department should pay for their accommodation in prison until they could be transferred to mental hospitals.



New museum: A view of the Battle of Britain Museum, which is to be formally opened by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on November 28. Former Battle of Britain pilots yesterday visited the museum, which is adjacent to the RAF Museum at Hendon. The picture shows a Bofors gun, a Gladiator, a Defiant and a Blenheim.

MPs seek 'censure' of Attorney General

By Our Political Editor

An attempt to get the Parliamentary Labour Party to pass virtual censure on Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, for authorizing prosecutions in the recent secrets case, in which two journalists were given conditional discharges, was launched last night by more than 50 Labour backbenchers.

A motion they submitted to the PLP's liaison committee, seeking a debate on Thursday week, congratulates the defendants. Further, it "regrets that any of the charges were ever authorized" and demands "immediate fulfilment" of the Labour Party's manifesto commitment to replace the Official Secrets Acts with a measure placing the burden on the authorities to justify withholding information.

The intent of the movers, Mr Christopher Price and Mr Robin Cook, is to get Mr Silkin and Mr Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary, to account to the party if they will not promptly do so to Parliament. Noting that an early Christmas recess could put off until the new year Mr Silkin's five-weekly question-time, Mr Price unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate yesterday.

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Tories blamed over Europe

By Our Political Editor

A complaint that the Conservative leadership has been "wishy-washy" towards the current wave of anti-EEC sentiment was made yesterday by Mr Eldon Griffiths, Conservative MP for Bury St Edmunds.

He called on his party to state unequivocally that it would not allow Labour's anti-Europeans to stampede the British people into an emotional campaign for withdrawal.

In a speech to a luncheon for businessmen held in the Commons by Mr Norman St John-Stevas, shadow Leader of the House, Mr Griffiths also called on the Front Bench to condemn wholeheartedly what he called "Mr Callaghan's deliberate stirring of the anti-European pot".

Mr Griffiths went on: "The rise of anti-Europeanism is now a serious matter. It appeals to the deep-seated anti-German, anti-French and anti-free market sentiments of the left. It also strikes a chord among chauvinists on our right."

Book mark for the Blackpool landlady

From John Chartres
Blackpool

The first recorded landladies' literary luncheon was held in Blackpool yesterday in an atmosphere of friendliness and homeliness, with roast beef and Yorkshire pudding as the main course.

The occasion was the launching of a book about Blackpool landladies, written by Dr John Walton, a lecturer in history at Lancaster University. He was formerly a Blackpool tram conductor (during a student vacation) and is a nephew of one of the redoubtable ladies about whom he has written 206 pages in a scholarly, though warm and friendly manner.

Dr Walton's decision to study the social history of the women who through generations going back to the mid-nineteenth century have produced holidays at remarkable value for money was made during his tram-conducting days, when he noted how light his work became at the bewitching hours of midday and at 5.30 pm.

The disappearance of crowds from Blackpool promenade at meal times was, of course, a manifestation of the renowned disciplinarian methods of the boarding house landladies and he decided to investigate the phenomenon further.

His book begins by tracing Blackpool's origins as a resort for the Lancashire cotton workers on wakes weeks, which were probably the first organized holidays for workers in Britain.

Yesterday's audience of about 40 guest house and private hotel proprietors, as they now prefer to call themselves, seemed to like the young historian's approach when he explained the reasons for his social study.

He assured them that he had tried to explode many myths, such as those promulgated in *Sing as We Go*, the 1934 film with Gracie Fields.

Dr Walton urged them not to give up the appellation "landlady". It was a proud title, he said, and one which conjured up what a Blackpool holiday was all about.

Dr Walton sold quite a number of signed copies.

The Blackpool Landlady. A Social History (Manchester University Press, £5.95).

Lords asked to quash blasphemy verdicts

The publishers of *Gay News*, the homosexuals' newspaper, and its editor Mr Denis Lemon, appealed to the House of Lords yesterday against their conviction for blasphemous libel.

Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, for Mr Lemon, told the court, headed by Lord Diplock, that the jury's verdict should be set aside as "unsafe and unsatisfactory".

The intention to blaspheme must comprise the intention to attack the Christian religion so violently or scurrilously as to insult Christians to such an extent that a breach of the peace was likely, he contended.

In July last year a jury at the Central Criminal Court found *Gay News* and Mr Lemon guilty over the publication of a poem and an accompanying drawing about Jesus Christ.

Last March the Court of Appeal upheld the convictions but set aside a suspended jail term imposed on Mr Lemon. Fines of £500 on him and £1,000 on the paper were upheld and they were ordered to pay prosecution costs estimated at £7,500.

Mr Blom-Cooper submitted yesterday that the trial judge had wrongly withdrawn the issue of subjective intention from the jury, making evidence of the editor's and publishers' motives irrelevant. There had been no question of calling expert literary evidence and, in fact, Mr Lemon had called only two character witnesses.

The jury by its verdict had found the poem was objectively blasphemous and the judge had then ruled that no subjective intention to commit the crime of blasphemous libel had to be proved beyond the intention to publish the offensive material.

The jury ought to have been satisfied either that *Gay News* and Mr Lemon intended to blaspheme or that they were so reckless that they did not care whether they blasphemed.

The hearing continues today.

Two in hot water with Eskimo Nell

Two men at Powys County Council's computer centre in Llandrindod Wells have been disciplined for taking part in producing the bawdy poem, "Eskimo Nell", at the centre on local government computer paper.

Another bawdy poem, "Ernie—Mark II", was also produced at the centre. The council said members of the public had been requesting copies of "Eskimo Nell".

Doctor is admonished

Dr Barry Peatfield, aged 41, of Langley Park Road, Sutton, Surrey, was admonished yesterday by the General Medical Council's disciplinary committee.

The committee made the ruling in London a year after finding him guilty of serious professional misconduct for the second time in 12 months. Judgment was postponed in both cases.

SNP 'does not want to break up UK'

From Our Own Correspondent
Edinburgh

The Scottish National Party yesterday launched its general election manifesto with a lyrical speech by Mr William Wolfe, the party chairman. He described the Scottish assembly as lying among the foothills of the independent range.

The document outlined the party's policies to be pursued in an independent Scotland and offere guielines to the Scottish national MPs at Westminster.

Although it clearly set out "the ieology of Scotland's right to independence", it insisted that the SNP stood not for the break-up of the United Kingdom but for a new relationship umer the Crown with the other nations of the United Kingdom.

The foundations on which the nation stood were recognition of the separate and different English, Welsh, Irish and Scottish nationalities. The relationship that was sought was one of national equality and partnership, with agreement on as much as possible in the interests of all in an association of British states operating like the Nordic union in northern Europe.

Minister in 'Times' talks

By Our Labour Staff

Mr Owen O'Brien, general secretary of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa), yesterday met Mr Albert Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, to express concern at the threatened suspension of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* on November 30. The indications were that Mr Booth, while listening to the opinions of unions and management, is not becoming actively involved at this stage.

Services of the Press Association, the national news agency, were severely curtailed yesterday because of action by most of its 240 journalists over a claim for an improved house agreemnt and a productivity deal.

Journalists' sanctions halted the general sports service, limited the racing service, stopped the City service, apart from stock lists, and interrupted the general news service. Action includes an end to overtime, a ban on non-journalistic work, and the simultaneous taking of meal breaks.

Provincial journalists are also taking action over a claim for a £20-a-week pay rise.

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Welsh language supporters' court ejection

From Tim Jones
Carmarthen

Supporters of the Welsh Language Society were ejected from Carmarthen Crown Court yesterday after they had interrupted a conspiracy trial. Judge Morgan Hughes left as about fifty supporters stamped, shocted and threw paper darts.

Gruffydd Rhodri Williams, aged 22, the society's chairman, and Dafydd Wynnford James, aged 23, plead not guilty to a charge of conspiring together and with persons unknown to damage television installations.

After the demonstrators had been ejected they stood outside the courtroom calling for a fourth television channel for Wales.

Americans' QE2 cruise cancelled

Fifteen hundred Americans have been told that their pre-Christmas cruise to the Caribbean on board the liner Queen Elizabeth 2 has been cancelled.

The liner, which is in dry dock in Southampton having a £3m overhaul, needs major repairs to a boiler which cannot be completed in time.

Prison officers work to rule

About 2,000 prisoners in four Scottish jails were locked in their cells for longer than normal periods yesterday because of an unofficial work-to-rule by prison officers.

The officers are seeking to have the segregation units at Porterfield prison, Inverness, brought back into use for disruptive prisoners.

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cycle group took a couple they lieved had stolen them, it was alleged rown Court yester- an was beaten up oman raped by a posse". Mr Philip e prosecution, said. e, who were squar- n an almost empty eaton, Devon, had e motor cyclists the night. discotheque that e member of the he had lost £20 or ord spread among that their would-be responsible. Later a posse of retribu- ed at the couple's ome, Mr Mott said. and 15 of the group ors, while others ide. was beaten up and threatened with a knife. She was raped at knife-point by at least three men while other members of the group committed other sexual acts with her, Mr Mott said.

Four teenagers appeared in the dock. Two, aged 18, were accused of raping the woman on July 20. A third, aged 19, was charged with attempted rape, indecent assault, theft of £14 and handling stolen goods. The fourth defendant, aged 17, was accused of assault causing actual bodily harm. All four denied all charges.

The woman said that three men raped her and two different men made her commit indecent acts.

"They were talking among themselves and continuing treats o fviolence if I did not cooperate. I felt fear and humiliation. Then they lit newspapers to find their crash helmets and things and left." The hearing continues today.

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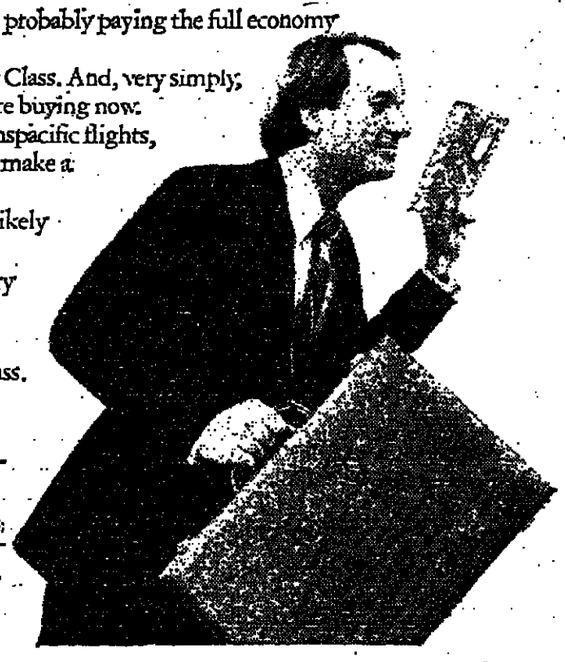
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Ministry demands full £775 to be repaid in benefits fraud case

From Our Correspondent
Sheffield

Barbara Hazel Fitter, aged 26, was accused in Sheffield Magistrates' Court yesterday of three offences of making false representations to obtain benefit from the Department of Health and Social Security. She asked for 45 similar cases to be taken into consideration.

Mr Roy Barlow, for the prosecution, told the magistrates: "This is a new departure by the department so that it can make application for the whole amount wrongfully obtained to be claimed in compensation".

Miss Fitter of Rosemary Road, Beighton, near Sheffield, pleaded guilty to making two false statements on specified dates, but Mr Barlow said the offences had been going on for a period and the total amount claimed in compensation was £775.10.

Miss Fitter had falsely stated she was a member of her uncle's household in Poplar Avenue, Beighton, when a man was living with her at her home in Rosemary Road.

The Bench adjourned the case until December 13 for her circumstances to be investigated more fully.

In another case Gwyneth Marian Guest, aged 33, of Stubbin Lane, Sheffield, was said to have wrongfully obtained £2,585.32 by false statements, but the department claimed £292.31 compensation. She pleaded guilty and was put on probation for two years and ordered to repay the amount claimed.

Our Social Services Correspondent writes: The department's policy was defined in its annual report, published on October 19, which disclosed that the number of prosecutions for benefit fraud had increased by 36.6 per cent between 1976 and the year to February, 1978.

The report said: "Priority is being given to prevention, and close cooperation is maintained with the police and the Post Office. Vigorous measures are being taken to recover compensation through the courts from those who have gained by fraud".

Whitehall brief: Front line of defence put on the map by an advance in Russian technology

Modern Maginot Line with Phantoms, radar and tin hats

By Peter Hennessy

Relaxing over a cup of tea in a wooden hut behind the sand dunes on the western side of the island of Benbecula, in the Outer Hebrides, it is difficult to accept that one is in the front line of any future war between Nato and the Warsaw Pact.

To be sure, there are members of the RAF peering at incomprehensible screens just down the corridor and two big air defence radars scanning the leaden north Atlantic, which is just over the barbed wire. But there is not the slightest trace of the feeling that George Formby used to describe as "sitting on a mine in the Maginot Line".

Thanks to the great improvement in Soviet air strike capacity with the development of the Tupolev Backfire bomber, Benbecula is ever more important in the scheme of things as these dreadful aircraft come into service.

Squadron Leader James Connolly, the Commanding Officer of RAF Benbecula, describes the Backfire as: "A much upgraded threat. We are no longer just looking east. Our job is equally as important as any radar station in the South-east."

Planners at the Ministry of Defence in London are well aware that the Backfire can leave its base at Murmansk in the Arctic, refuel in the north Atlantic from a tanker aircraft and sweep into British airspace from the north-west, jeopardizing Nato's "unsinkable aircraft carrier", the United Kingdom, upon whose "deck" 40 per cent of Nato's combat and supply aircraft will be based if international relations turn nasty.

Benbecula's job, with other parts of the air defence network, is to pick up the Backfire swiftly enough to alert RAF Phantoms of the Quick Reaction Alert Force at Leuchars, on the east coast of Scotland. In a future war, the aircraft would be Tornados, provided they were in service, rather closer to the action at a secret forward base.

The plan is for a Tornado to shoot down a Backfire 500 miles out, so the defour people of Benbecula will have little to watch by way of dog fights in the Hebridean skies as they prepare to meet their maker.

At present RAF Benbecula is vulnerable to preemptive strike, as it is above ground and unprotected by missiles, though its scanners are mobile, and no doubt missile cover might be arranged in a period of international tension. The airmen, however, have tin hats on hooks above their desks and screens.

A 15-year, £1,500m plan to rebuild Britain's air defences, however, should take care of all that. Voice links will be replaced by more secure, automatic data links to other parts of the network, and the whole thing will become computerized, putting Strike Command at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, in a much stronger position.

If the Russians can be persuaded to wait, at least until 1985, RAF Benbecula will have new and improved radar "somewhere on a more elevated part of the island", and a "hardened" operations room, embedded in plastproof concrete.

In the meantime they will remain atop their metaphorical mine in the Maginot Line, plotting the passage of Bear bombers en route from the Soviet Union to Cuba and calling out the Phantoms to waggle their wings at anything Russian that tries to come in a little closer.

If asked what they will do if one keeps on coming they get embarrassed and explain that the most they can say is that there is a carefully graduated response for that sort of thing. Last year Benbecula picked up all unidentified aircraft in its sector in good time, including one or two that tried to penetrate directly and were turned way by Phantoms.

The tin hats do come in useful once a year when, without warning, a small team disembark from the Mackrayne ferry from the mainland, march up to the front door and announce: "You are now at war." A little later they cheer everybody up" by adding: "You are now at nuclear war." All day Squadron Leader Connolly's men have to plot RAF Jaguars, Vulcans and the like coming towards them at high speed, pretending to be Russians.

Meanwhile, one section of his staff will rush down the road to the Royal Artillery armoury to procure firearms. For that night, at least, a quiet cup of tea would be welcome after the day's exertions. RAF Benbecula gets "the fifth columnists". These wretches are members of the RAF Regiment in disguise who have also arrived on the ferry and secreted themselves about the island.

They crawl out of the sand dunes and try to penetrate the barbed wire.

For once the place really does resemble the Maginot Line. What any passing sea bird or crofter makes of it all defies the imagination. But if it helps to keep the "unsinkable aircraft carrier" unsunk, it is worth every last mug of Bournville that is lost.

Royal parks food is still poor, panel say

By Robin Young
Consumer Affairs Correspondent

To be well fed in Lond royal parks it is best to b duck. For a second year jud set to find the best cater establishment for humans in parks have returned with glum news that none of the taurants is good enough merit an award.

Last year's judges felt abl give nothing better than a c mendation "for trying", said that the general stanc of catering in the parks "lamentable". None of t could be persuaded this yea repeat the experience of r anonymous tour of inspect

A new panel fared a l better; it succeeded in fin a winner in the cafeteria tion, the Serpentine Buffe Hyde Park. It also commer the Pembroke Lodge restau in Richmond Park, for cheapness, if not the qua of its £1.80 three-course lu

Mr William Adkins, a c ing consultant representing British Tourist Authority, the judges had resolved at outset to take a positive rude. None the less they found little evidence that establishments were giving public what it wanted in dards and service. "There w good deal that we were not happy about. The caterers missing a golden opportuni such surroundings."

Mr Ray Brett, presiden the Hotel Catering and In tional Management Associa added that staff were eag please and helpful, but la training.

"For instance, they do know what accompanim should come with var dishes, and in heavy perioc service they lose control of situation. Things like cle down are not taught prope

Mrs Gladys Easton, a driver's wife, said she been disappointed that restaurants did not offer price children's portions.

Lady Birk, the ministe the Department of the Env ment responsible for the parks, who instituted the petition after complaints a catering standards, said thought caterers had some effort but still had a way to go.

The carerers will be ge confidential reports of judges' findings on each e lishment, and in future department hopes to catering concessions, generally run for five more competitive and to stricter control over quali

Local health plan 'was undermined'

By John Roper
Health Services Correspondent

The Civil Service is responsible for the over-centralized bureaucracy that controls the National Health Service, Dr Stuart Horner, a community physician professionally trained in management, says today.

The proposal that effective power and responsibility should devolve on local units, made at the time of the NHS reorganization in 1974, was resisted and undermined by the Civil Service, he says in the British Medical Association's *News Review*, sent monthly to all doctors.

A structure had thus been implemented that was the exact opposite of the organizational framework needed by health care workers to provide a service for patients.

Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, had the impossible task of responsibility for a department of state and management of one of the biggest industries in Western Europe. That led to an unacceptable centralized bureaucracy in the health service.

Yet more successful departments, notably education, were decentralized. Nationalized industries had also recognized the value of local initiative.

Dr Horner says lack of cooperation between central government departments on health matters has reached the point where some departments work in opposition to NHS objectives.

Despite commitments to preventive medicine in 1974, little had been done in practice.

In brief

Firm fined over waste disposal

E. Bottomley and Sons Ltd, of Bradley, West Yorkshire, pleaded guilty at Huddersfield Magistrates' Court yesterday to emptying chemical refuse into a sewer where it could be prejudicial to health and to discharging it without consent. The firm, a dyeworks, was fined £750 with £75 costs.

Mr John Bastow, for the prosecution, said two families living near the sewer had had to leave their homes temporarily.

Libel damages for Tory MP

Mr John Stokes, Conservative MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge, yesterday accepted an undisclosed sum of damages and his costs in settlement of a libel action over a *Daily Mail* article relating to absenteeism at Westminster.

The newspaper apologized to him unreservedly. Mr Justice O'Connor, sitting in the High Court, agreed to the record of the action being withdrawn.

National Front official for trial

Martin Webster, activities organizer of the National Front, was committed yesterday for trial at Kingston Crown Court o ntwo charges of publishing written matters that were abusive or insulting.

Richmond magistrates granted bail. The charges refer to two editions of *National Front News*, of which Mr Webster is editor.

Lure of El Dorado comes to London

By Philip Howard

The latest attempt to pave the streets of London with gold rather than litter opens at the Royal Academy today. At a cost of £600,000 the ElDorado exhibition has gathered the largest and most spectacular collection of pre-Columbian gold ever seen outside South America.

The legend of the gilded man, ruler over a city of gold, lured the Conquistadors to the roof of the Andes. It is expected to lure half a million visitors, and queues coiling far into Piccadilly, in the next 17 weeks.

The exhibition, designed by Mr Alan Irvine, hunts the legend of El Dorado in a circle around six main galleries. The first shows and describes the expeditions of the first Spanish explorers, drawn by that golden magnet across the Atlantic.

The next shows Guatavita, the mysterious circular lake of El Dorado and the repository of golden offerings beyond not the dreams but the graps of avarice. The next shows the remarkably sophisticated technology of the Columbian goldsmiths in the 15 centuries after the birth of Christ, before Christians arrived to melt down their gold and destroy their culture.

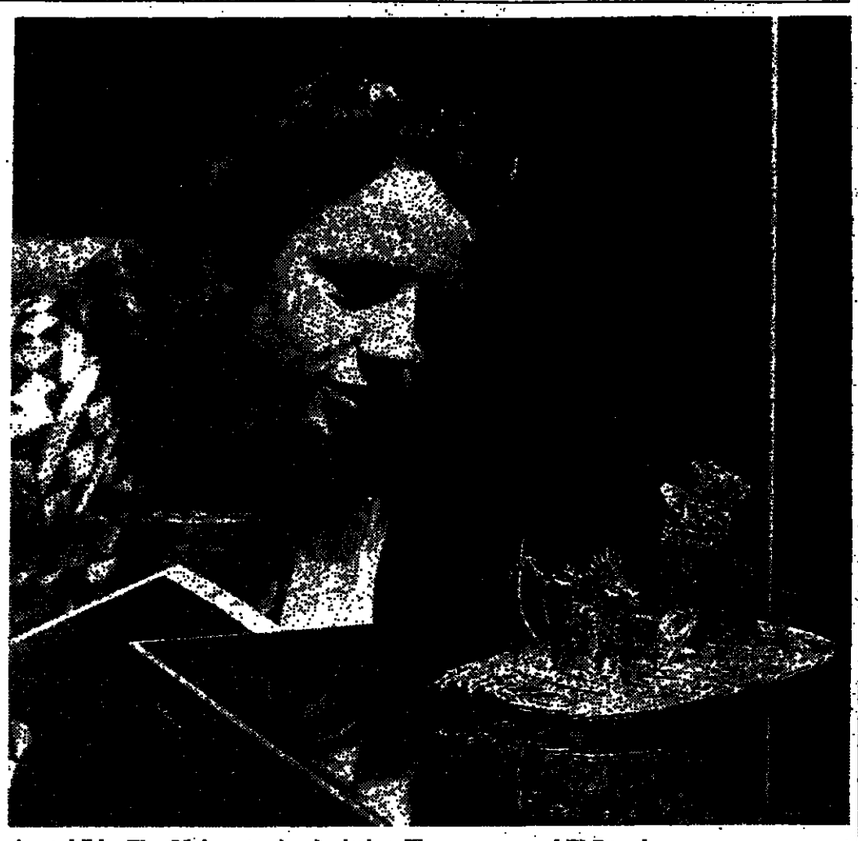
The fourth hall shows the everyday life of the Muisca Indians and the next the brilliant golden artifacts, from depilatory tweezers and penis-covers to coruscating regalia fit for a sun king, manufactured in different styls by the 11 main Indian tribes. The final hall deals with death and the afterlife in the kingdoms of gold.

Golden Colombian lads and lasses are no whideous mummified bodies. Their golden toys love coldly on, incorruptible and immortal, symbols of vanity and the apotheosis of greed. Gold was a plentiful and useful metal for the early Colombians, who did not restrict its use to ornament or ceremony, or, as we do, to bank vaults.

No fewer than 400 pieces have been brought to London from the Museum of Gold in Bogota, which has 26,000 of them. Other exhibits have come from collections around the world, including those of the Queen, who has lent a striking portrait of the Emperor Charles V letting his long lower jaw hang vacuously loose. Catherine of Aragon was his aunt, and he gave the portrait to Henry VIII.

The workmnship, particularly of the smallest pieces, is wonderful. Such a mass of gold is breathtaking to a culture educated to grasp at the power of the yellow metal. But what lingers in the imagination at the exhibition is the ultimate vanity of gold, and the fate of the people whose everyday metal brought destruction on them from halfway across the world.

The Gold of El Dorado exhibition is paid for by Benson and Hedges in association with Times Newspapers Ltd and the Royal Academy of Arts. It is organized by Carlton Cleeve and is open from 10 am to 7 pm on weekdays, closing an hour earlier on Saturdays and Sundays. Admission costs £1.20. Children, pensioners and students can get in for 60p.



An exhibit, The Muisca tunjo, depicting The ceremony of El Dorado

Twins who fired at coloured men get 6 years

Two brothers who fired a shotgun at a group of coloured men in Wolverhampton were jailed for six years yesterday.

Geoffrey Davies and his twin brother, Terence, had the shotgun in their car because they thought they might go poaching, Mr Piers Ashworth, QC, for the prosecution, said, but they found a "better quarry".

The twins, aged 24, chased the group of youths, who were on foot, in their car and several shots were fired. Two of the coloured men were hit by shotgun pellets.

After the incident last May, extra police were drafted into the town to patrol the streets for fear of racial violence.

Geoffrey Davies, of Stafford Road, and Terence Davies, of Windsor Street, both Wolverhampton, pleaded guilty at Warley Crown Court, West Midlands, to wounding Peter Jamieson with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and assaulting Mr Levi Harvey, causing him actual bodily harm.

Mr Robert Solman, for the defence, said that on the evening in question the brothers had been drinking.

He added that the incident was not racially motivated, because both brothers had been brought up with coloured friends.

The recorder, Mr Christopher Stuart-White, told the twins that he thought their minds were not poisoned by racial prejudice before the incident.

13 protesters arrested at nuclear plant site

From Our Own Correspondent
Dunbar

Thirteen protesters were arrested yesterday after bulldozers and earthmovers had been obstructed at the Torness nuclear power station site, in East Lothian. Police Sergeant Jack Abbott, of Edinburgh, was injured in an accident with a lorry.

A nurse taking part in the protest, which involved members of the Torness Alliance, the Scottish campaign to resist the Atomic Menace and Friends of the Earth, gave medical assistance and Sergeant Abbott was taken to hospital. He was not seriously injured.

About three hundred demonstrators, some from abroad, had gathered at the site of the £740m power station during the weekend and were waiting for the contractors when they arrived to start work.

As a heavy tractor shovel moved towards the site chanting protesters sat down in its path. The tractor kept moving until two protesters were lying underneath the vehicle and between its tracks. Police began dragging men and women out of the way but as quickly as they removed one group of demonstrators another group took their place.

Teenagers bea dog to death

Three teenagers, two ag and one now 17, who kil dog by lashing it with a chain, were sent to a det centre for three month magistrates at Stoke-on- Juvenile Court yesterday.

The dog had followed home, and they kicked it stairs, tied its legs with and dragged it to a fiel court was told. A showed that the dog h broken pelvis and mu skull fractures.

Earth mover sinks

Joy riders were bl yesterday for stealing earth-moving machine valu £15,000 from a brickyard o outskirts of Peterborough driving it into a clay pit, it sank in 60ft of water.

Housewives urged to support the arts

A coherent and organized arts lobby similar to those in Canada and the United States is needed in Britain, Mr Roy Shaw, the secretary-general of the Arts Council, said in London yesterday.

Speaking of the council's annual report, Mr Shaw said that in America middle-class housewives were a driving force for the promoting the arts, but that did not happen in Britain.

Mr Kenneth Robinson, the council chairman, said there was a misplaced feeling in local government that there were no votes to be gained from spending on the arts. But there were many more votes and much more enthusiasm than most local councillors realized.

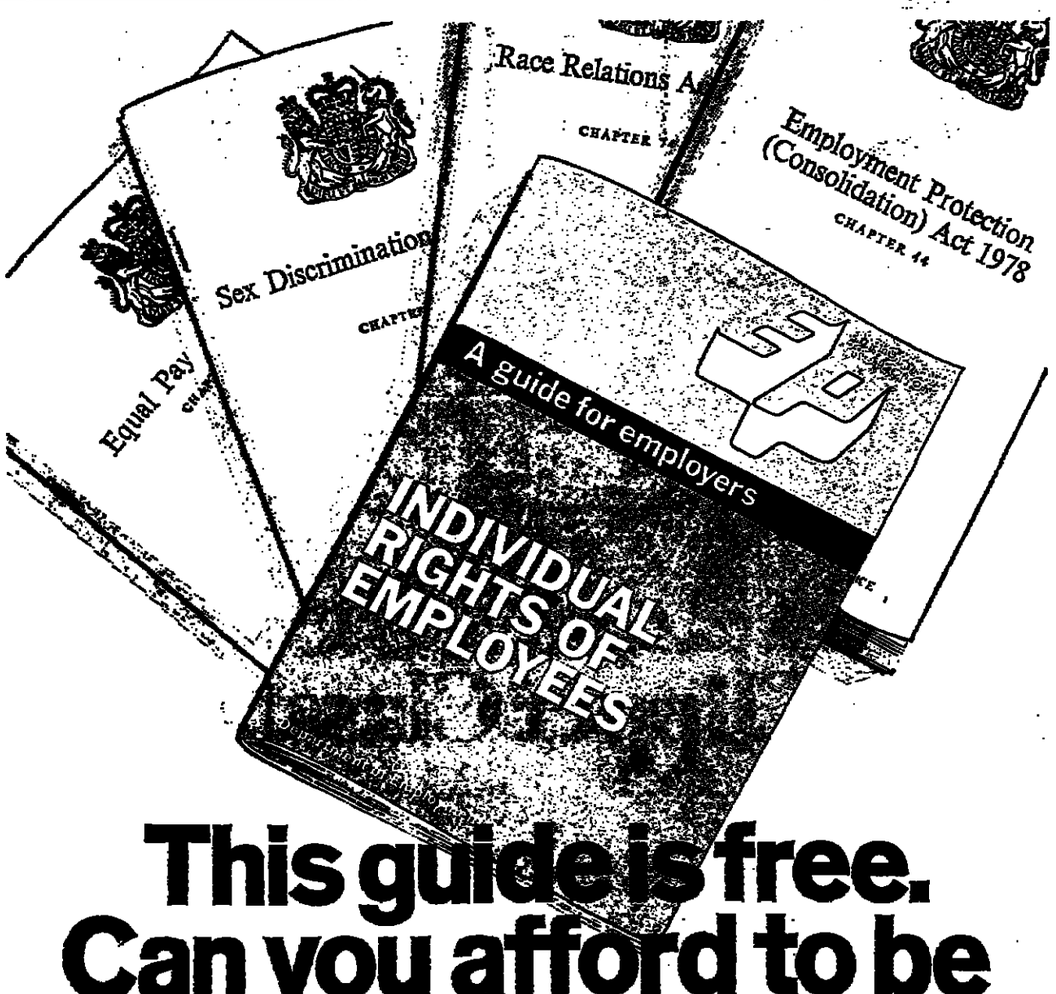
Mr Shaw said that the council's report showed that in the year 1977-78 £2m more than the £42m provided would have transformed the position.

Less was spent on arts in Britain than in any comparable Western country. In the year 1976-77 central and local government together contributed less than 50p a head, compared with £7 in West Germany and Sweden's £4.

Until government funding of arts was raised to a realistic level, the directors of theatre, opera and ballet comp and the rest of the arts w would continue to spend much of their time and e contriving to manage on 10", and not enough o basic task of providing the possible artistic products.

Any minister for the needed the backing of infl opinion. The ranks of the stines were large, and wel resented in some sections press, Parliament and government.

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Paradoxical advantage of Scotland's shabby giant

Regional report

Ronald Faux
Glasgow

Scarred and impoverished in the west, oil-fired and wealthy in the east, that is the popular view that tilts the flow of government assistance in Scotland firmly towards Glasgow.

Estimates suggest that since the Second World War £12,000m has been poured on to the troubled environment of urban Strathclyde. So firm has become the west's monopoly of dereliction and social decay that other regions of Scotland see Glasgow as holding a paradoxical advantage.

Parts of the city and its frayed outskirts might well rank among the worst examples of urban decay in Europe, but cuts in government spending have made other local authorities perhaps less patient with the shabby giant in the west.

They see costly improvements" which appear to have made the city's position even worse, injudicious housing schemes, a motorway isolating the heart, and a zest for demolition that has reduced large areas to deserts of rubble.

Social engineering had either failed or succeeded too well. New slums had been created, or ratepayers were decanted to the satellite new towns, leaving local authority debts and interest charges to pile up

A large part of the Scottish Development Agency's spending on land improvement is going to the east end of Glasgow. Come 1984 and the expenditure of at least £120m and the Glasgow Eastern Area Renewal (Gear) will have transformed 3,500 acres of derelict city fringe. It is hoped that the albatross will have flown away, but lesser varieties will by then be roosting in other parts of Scotland.

Councillor Cornelius Waugh, chairman of the housing committees on Edinburgh District Council and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, explained that Edinburgh's crisis was not in obvious dereliction, but a more subtle crumbling away of a great heritage.

"Parts of the city centre which are an important international tourist attraction could fall apart soon unless money is spent on them. If we wait until the signs are obvious the cost will be hugely increased. Edinburgh earns a lot from tourism. Glasgow attracts hardly a penny."

Councillor Waugh thought the national heritage of Edinburgh should not be unloaded entirely on the people of the city. Glasgow received national money but where, he asked was the heritage in derelict gap sites? The west had difficulties, but "you could say we are being discriminated against because we have managed our affairs so well".

New cost limits for housing improvements had given substantial increases to Glasgow. Mr John Davidson, of the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations, said that the reason was the higher cost of improving property in the west.

The original design and building standard made it more expensive. The fabric was less likely to be well maintained. chimneys and slates crashed into the street more often, and added to everything was the windier and wetter weather.

Improvements to properties in Strathclyde number 2,500, compared with 1,100 for the whole of the rest of Scotland. Glasgow, however, lost on new building. Large parts of the city were built on old, uncharted mineworkings, which kept collapsing.

The net result was less land available for new building.

"We should like to do because the need is so greater", Mr Davidson People in the rest of Sc might well feel Glasgow brought difficulties on but the fact remained t was necessary to give th the lion's share.

In the Grampian regio Shetland, where North S has brought a different k problem, there is sharp co about the power Strat could have in the Sc assembly to draw yet mo sources in a westward dir

Mr Alexander Mutch, ner of Grampian Re Council, said the counci been obliged to spend £2 new roads, schools, housir the onshore oil facilities.

They had received in only £13m, and rates re from the oil companies deducted from the region support grant, leaving n benefit. Grampian had rowed £25.5m to pay fo improvements and the G ment had refused to unde the borrowing.

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to a European union, without denying its own history and its own traditions."

France was ready to draw all the consequences of the European negotiations, provided they were conducted in the best interests of all and there was an equality of concessions given and demanded.

As to the role of the assembly he promised that it could be given no extra powers beyond those defined in the Treaty of Rome without violating the agreements signed by the member states. If the powers of the new assembly were to be enlarged it could be done only with the agreement of the individual states. As far as France was concerned, if the constitution were to be affected by any proposed change, then a referendu mwould be held to decide.

M Jacques Chirac, leader of the Gaullist Party, speaking last night as a rally in Argentan, drew attention once again to the remarks of Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, a week ago when he spoke of the assembly's inevitable attempts to extend its power.

There were too many discordant voices raised all over Europe on this subject, M Chirac said, and the result was that the direct elections were masking the real problems.

M Georges Marchais, the Communist Party leader, also referred to Herr Schmidt's remarks in a weekend speech in Melun. They showed, he said, how West Germany would not hesitate to speak high and loud and would do everything possible to impose its *diktat*.

While strongly critizing what he saw as the failure of the EEC to keep its economic promises, he said it would be unrealistic to break the links which had been created with the Nine. The Community existed, he said, and could not be ignored.



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...voked angry reactions here. The West German Trade Union Federation cancelled plans to send a representative to the Yugoslav Trade Union Congress in protest.

Newspapers said the Yugoslav Government had made itself an accomplice of the terrorists and one said it would be responsible if any of the four return to commit a crime. The conservative Christian Social Union demanded that the Government take economic sanctions against Yugoslavia.

West German search squads, who located the four in Zagreb last May, have been ordered back into the hunt. Help has been asked from Interpol and requests for assistance made to the countries where the terrorists are thought to have gone.

Government officials have rejected the Yugoslav Government's argument that the evidence produced by West Germany was not strong enough to merit extradition. Their release was seen to be a direct result of Bonn's refusal to extradit Mr Stjepan Bilandzic, a Croatian exile wanted for terrorism in Yugoslavia.

He was one of eight Croations demanded by Belgrade when Bonn asked for the extradition of the four West Germans, although both governments said there was no question of a barter.

Goncourt is decided on third ballot

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Nov 20

The Prix Goncourt, France's leading literary award, was won today by M Patrick Modiano for his novel *Rue des boutiques obscures*. It took three ballots to determine the outcome.

The Theophraste Renaudot Prize, a kind of runner-up to the Goncourt, was a much more laborious affair. Only after 15 ballots was it given at the end of the traditional luncheon at Drouant restaurant to M Conrad Detrez, a Belgian author born at Liège, for an autobiographical novel entitled *L'herbe a brûler*.

M Modiano received the prize not only for his last novel, but for all his literary works, starting with *La Place de l'Etoile*, which he wrote 10 years ago when he was only 21. It retraces the life of a private detective, stricken with amnesia, who tries to identify himself with the past and the personality of several characters in the émigré society and underworld of the troubled period of the German occupation of France.

The novel is written in a crystal clear, sometimes acid style of the clasical literary novel. M Modiano tried for the Goncourt several times, and was not the favourite this year. M Jean-Didier Wolfromm, who was the favourite, got three votes to M Modiano's six.

L'herbe à brûler takes the reader from the author's youth in Belgium, through Brazil—from where he was expelled after taking part in the guerrilla movement against the regime—and back to the memories of his petit-bourgeois background. It is a work of great power, in which violence alternates with softness, in the tradition of the picaresque novels of Spain and Flanders.

Little hope of early solution to EEC fisheries dispute

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Nov 20

Expectation of a quick solution to the EEC's fisheries dispute was discouraged in Brussels today by Mr John Silkin, Britain's Minister of Agriculture, dimming earlier hopes that the two-year-old quarrel could be settled by the end of this month.

Speaking to journalists during a break in a meeting of EEC Agriculture Ministers, Mr Silkin said that he did not think the meeting of fisheries ministers later this week would be "the crunch". He added: "I think we wouldbe lucky to do ore than identify the main areas of disagreement."

Britain and West Germany appeared to have buried the hatchet over fisheries at their bilateral talks in Bonn in mid-October, at the insistence of Mr James Callaghan and Herr Helmut Schmidt, the Federal Chancellor. They proclaimed their determination to get a new EEC agreement by the time of the EEC summit on December 4 and 5.

Mr Silkin said today thathe did not think enough progress would be made later this week to enable the 4eads of Government to make a decision. He also cautioned against suggestions that Britain was ready to modify its claim to an exclusive 12-mile coastal belt for its fishermen.

He said he intended "to raise hell" tomorrow, when ministerial discussions continue, over the European Commission's plans to sell 20,000 tons of surplus butter atcut-rate prices toRussia.

The plan is to sell the butter with the aid of an export subsidy of 43.3p a lb, whichwould be paid out of the EEC Budget at the expense of the EEC taxpayer.

With a subsidy of this size, Mr Silkins said, butter could be sold in British supermarkets at 7.5p a lb.Surely it would be better to sell the surplus inside the EEC than to export it "to a country that is not exacly poor".

OVERSEAS

Battle for Transvaal leadership divides National Party

From Nicholas Ashford
Johannesburg, Nov 20

An unseemly public battle has broken out over who is to succeed Dr Connie Mulder, the former Minister of Plural Relations, as leader of the Transvaal wing of the ruling National Party.

Dr Mulder resigned both posts in the wake of the Department of Information scandal. He was Information Minister until the department was scrapped earlier this year.

The dispute, which is both ideological—between *Verkramptes* (hardliners) and *Verligtes* (enlightened Nationalists) and regionals—between the Transvaal wing of the party and the other three provinces—is the most profound to have afflicted the party since it came to power 30 years ago.

The Transvaal has traditionally dominated the party. Until Mr Pieter Botha, the Cape leader, was elected Prime Minister in September, the party's leader, with the exception of Dr. D. F. Malm, the first Nationalist Prime Minister, had always come from the Transvaal. The Transvaal leader is the most important man in the party after the Prime Minister.

The Transvaal Party committee is due to meet this Saturday and the man who at present seems most likely to succeed Dr Mulder is Dr Andries Treurnicht, Deputy Minister of Plural Relations.

Dr Treurnicht has rigidlp doctrinaire views about the execution of the apartheid policy which differ fundamentally from Mr Botha's more pragmatic approach.

The only other two candidates at the moment are Mr Hendrik Schoeman, Minister of Agriculture, and Mr S. P. Botha, Minister of Labour.

Dr Treurnicht and the Prime Minister have already clashed publicly, with Dr Treurnicht insisting that the proposed triracial Cabinet Council would only have consultative posers, and the Prime Minister declaring that the new body (consisting of whites, Coloreds and Indians) would have legislative and other powers. This was already party policy, Mr Botha said, and he hoped it would be the last word on the subject.

The crisis had been deepened by a separate dispute between Dr Mulder and Mr R. F. Botha, the Foreign Minister, who had been blamed by Dr Mulder's supporters for throwing his support behind Mr Pieter Botha, thereby ensuring his victory over Dr Mulder in the contest to succeed Mr Vorster as Prime Minister.

The Foreign Minister told a rally at the weekend that documentary evidence on the Infoamtion Department's scandal, handed to him and other Cabinet Ministers just before the election, persuaded him to vote for Mr Pieter Botha. He said the evidence was "atrocious" if true, and that he and other ministers had confronted Dr Mulder with it.

Dr Mulder has now sharply accused Mr R. F. Botha of being one-sided.

The Adrikaans press has also waded into the battle with the influential *rapport* declaring that the election of Dr Treurnicht would lead to "great adversity" for the National Party as a whole. Even *Die Transvaler*, mouthpiece of the party in the Transvaal, has opposed his candidature.

Mr Begin pledges Israel to sign 'unchanged' treaty

From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, Nov 20

The Israeli Cabinet resumes its deliberations on the peace negotiations with Egypt tomorrow. Mr Menachem Begin, the Prime Minister, has indicated that it will probably drop several reservations and declare its readiness to sign the draft treaty, as long as Egypt also withdraws its latest demands.

Addressing the 700-member central committee of his Herut Party, which heads the governing coalition, Mr Begin made it clear he expects the Cabinet to endorse his view that the draft treaty should be accepted as it stood three weeks ago.

In spite of being pelted with eggs by right-wing demonstrators as he arrived and emotional attacks by some of his oldest political allies, Mr Begin won resounding backing for his policy by 306 votes to 51.

He will now call on the Cabinet to drop its resistance to a phrase in the treaty's preamble which may be seen as linking the treaty to the further negoriations on the future of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. He will also ask it to drop its reservations regarding the status of the Gaza Strip.

In return for this, Egypt will be expected to withdraw its recent demands that there should be a timetable for the introduction of autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza, and an Egyptian presence in Gaza and accept the omission of any clause in the treaty giving it priority over obligations to other Arab states Egypt may have made in the past.

In an indication that the hard bargaining is still not over, Mr Hosni Mubarak, the Egyptian Vice-President, said in an interview with Israeli Television shown here last night that if the Israeli Cabinet accepted the draft treary but rejected the timeable linkage a "very, very difficul situation" would be created.

Mr Begin told the Herut committee that the Government would insist that Israeli military forces remained in the West Bank and Gaza and that Jewish settlement should continue.

Paris: President Sadat of Egypt said today he would not sign the treaty unless it was linked to a specific date for the start of Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Speaking in a television interview recorded in Cairo, Mr Sadat said Egypt wanted self-rule to begin with the completion of Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai "not more than six to nine months after the siging of the treary".

MP to speak for Banabans at conference

By Our Political Staff

Sir Bernard Braine, Conservative MP for South-East Essex, will be one of the main spokesmen for the Banaban islanders at the constitutional conference to discuss independence for the Gilbert Islands, which begins at Marlborough House today.

It is believed to be the first time that a backbench Westminster MP has taken part in a constitutional conference as a spokesman and negotiator. Sir Bernard is chairman of the Trustees of Justice for the Banabans, which has all-party support.

The Foreign Ofice wanted to limit the Banaban delegation to four councillors and two advisers. After protests from the Rev Teba'ti Tawaka, the Banaban leader, and Sir Bernard, Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secrerary, has agreed that all the Banaban councillors can attend, with as many advisers as they wish.

The islanders have told the Government that they do not want Banaba to be part of an independent Gilbert Islands state. They want to be separated from the Gilbert group and to become again a British colony, pending a settlement of their constitutional status. Eventually they want to be independent in "associated status" with Fiji, where most of their community live.

Zambians find body of missing woman

From Our Correspondent
Lusaka, Nov 20

The body of an elderly Canadian-born woman has been discovered eight days after she disappeared from her farm on the outskirts of Lusaka.

A government statement released today said the body of Miss Muriel Bissel, aged 67, was found on Saturday "within the grounds of her house". Diplomatic sources said the cause of death was unknown. A post-mortem examination will be held tomorrow.

The manager of the farm, a Shona-speaking black Rhodesian whose name has not been released, and three others have been arrested in connexion with the death.

Property belonging to Miss Bissel was allegedly found at the home of the farm manager's parents, the government statement said.

The farm is located at Botha's Rust about 12 miles west of Lusaka. The farming enclave contains a number of camps run by Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu).

Since Rhodesia attacked a supply depot in the area on November 2, several farmers have been harassed by armed men, believed to be guerrillas. At one farm near that on which Miss Bissel lived, two Britons and an Australian were dragged off and beaten. The Australian was hung by his hands and bayonetted in the feet.

Even Moscow is having a warm autumn

From Our Own Correspondent
Moscow, Nov 20

Moscow is experiencing an unusual autumn heatwave. Yesterday, the temperature rose to a comfortable 9.2°C (48°F), the highest according to the Meteorological Office, at this time of year for more than a century. In 1880 the temperature reached 8°C (46°F) on November 19.

By mid-November Moscow is usually blanketed with snow. But though the first snow fell here nearly a month ago, it soon melted as the weather began to warm up unseasonably. Yesterday, people were wearing only light coats in the bright sun.

Older Muscovites often complain that their city does not get the "real" hard winters it used to have before numerous reservoirs were built on the outskirts of the city. Meteorologists agree that the climate has become more temperate in recent years.

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German language papers share Erasmus prize

From Our Correspondent
Amsterdam, Nov 20

Two German language newspapers, the West German weekly *Die Zeit* and the Swiss daily *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, have been jointly awarded the 1979 Erasmus prize, it was announced here today.

The prize of £25,000 goes to *Die Zeit* because of the role it played in post-war Germany in the "restoration of a democratic and humane amitude". The paper acted as a forum for a broad spectrum of cultural and political opinion, the jury's report adds.

The *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* shared the prize because it has for two centuries been "a beacon of light" for the shaping of opinion in Europe through its independence and high journalistic standards.

The prize will be presented by Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands in the Amsterdam Royal Palace next year.

Victory for Communists in Alentejo stronghold

From José Shercliff
Lisbon, Nov 20

The Communists have won a significant victory in the Evora municipal council elections in the southern Alentejo farm region, acording to provisional results.

The Communist-dominated United People's Alliance (APU) gained 53.1 per cent of the votes, which gives them an absolute majority on the municipal council with four members.

The Socialist Party, conforming to the pattern of its gradual slide from popularity, won only 16.9 per cent of the votes, while the Social Democrats (PSD) moved up with 21.4 per cent. In the 1976 elections the Socialists were secoad with 33.1 per cent, and the PSD third with 10.9 per cent.

There was little change in the position of the Centre Democrats (CDS), who slid from 6.5 per cent in the 1976 elections to 5.3 per cent. The number of abstentions went up to 36 per cent this year, compared with 26.6 per cent in 1976.

The fall in the number of people voting and the increase in Communist power are extremely significant locally, but they cannot be taken as a complete reflection of national trends in the countryside.

The Alentejo province, scene of the much-disputed land reform, is a kingdom to itself. Owing to its poverty and the neglect of the former regime, this vast province south of Lisbon became the stronghold of Communist power. The 1974 revolution set off an illegal occupation of the big estates, alongside the official division of them.

The previous Social Government introduced a Bill to hand back the illegally occupied lands to their original owners. This is now being put into effect, against the opposition of the Communist Party and the workers who occupied the land.

Boycott threat to Oberammergau

From Patricia Clough
Bonn, Nov 20

The American branch of the International Council of Jews and Christians his threatened to call a boycott of the Oberaminergau passion play unless the village changes what the council regards as an anti-semitic text.

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This text, written in 1860 by Father Alois Daisenberger, who was the village priest, reflects the view prevalent then that the Jews as a race were responsible for the murder ofJesu Christ.

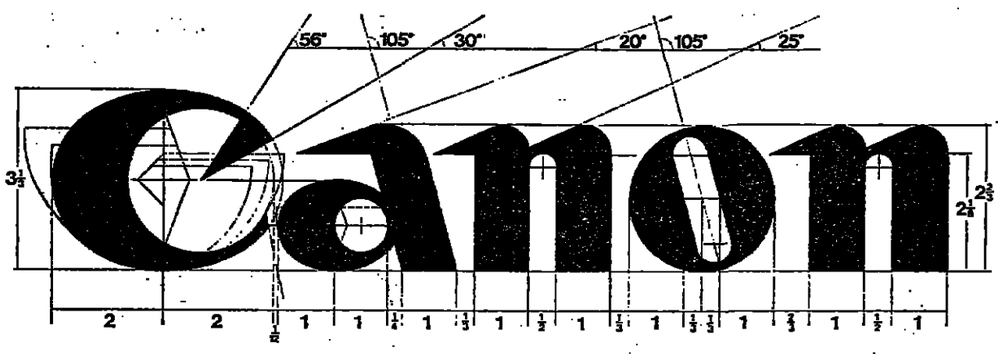
Changes in he Roman Catholic Church's teaching since the 1962-65Vatican Council prompted a group of reformers to propose replacing the Daisenberger text with an earlier one by a local Benedictine monk, Father Ferdinand Rosner. Although written a century earlier, it is much closer to modern attitudes.

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"I believe that we have found a solution which will suit everyone", Herr Ernst Zwink, Mayor of Oberammergau, said. But Rabbi Peter Levinson, the outgoing president of the International Council of Jews and Christians, is doubtful. "I feel that cosmeric changes are not going to do very much. The whole play is based on the idea of the guilt of the Jews. It depends on it for its dramatic effect."

The threat of a boycott by the American branch, which Rabbi Levinson passed on at a Munich ar the weekend, has made members of the local Jewish community unhappy. "I do not know any Jew here who would be favour", one source said.



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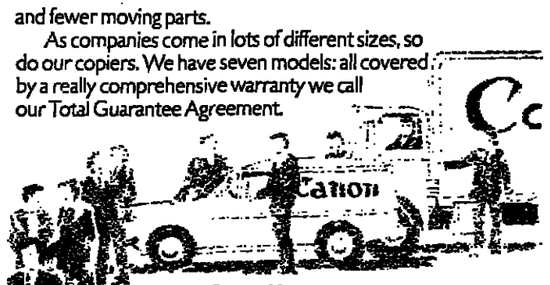
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Party paper fires warning shot as posters in Peking condemn Mao's 10 years of 'fascism'

From Georges Biannic
Peking, Nov 20

The *People's Daily* today called for a complete and prompt rehabilitation of all victims of miscarriages of justice in China, while giving a warning against the "errors" of Stalin andthe Soviet experience.

Drawing a parallel between the present situation in China and that in the Soviet Union after Stalin's death in 1953, the Communist Party newspaper spoke of the need to avoid the emergence of a Chinese "Krushchev" who would fight the political line of Mao Tse-tung and his successor, chairman Hua Kuo-feng.

One of the paper's aims appeared to be to prevent an abrupt and brutal process of "demaoization" patterned on Soviet destalinization.

The *People's Daily* emphasized that it was particularly necessary for a clear line to be drawn dividing Chairman Mao who "launched and led the great proletarian Cultural Revolution" from Lin Piao, the former Defence Minister, and the disgraced "gang of four" who sabotaged it.

A long front-page article by "A Special Commentator", who is believed by observers to be a Communist Party leader, recalled the Soviet trials of the 1930s, and defended the elimination of "counter-revolutionaries, Trotskyists ,spies and hostile elements of all sorts".

However, during this purge, serious mistakes were made

Some were rehabilitated or freed from prison, but at Stalin's death there had still been no major reversal of the "mistaken verdicts and false trials". This ltd some "careerists" in the party, like Khrushchev, to "fan the flames to denounce Stalin and attack socialism" in a counter-revolutionary plot and attempt to seize poser, the article said.

Bearing the "peofound historic lesson" of Soviet experience in mind, the paper went on, "the righting of injustices will bb very useful in the years to come at forestalling any attempt by anti-party careerists to use this problem in plots aimed at fighting Chairman Mao. Premier Chou En-lai, CKHAIRMAN Hua and the leading cadres who are practising Marxism.

"In the future, if a careerist tried to carry out plots and intrigures, the broad cadres and masses would be able to unmask him and make his criminal plot impossible".

Meanwhile, big-character posters have appeared in Peking claiming that Chou En-lai, the former Prime Minister, was the only leader to protect the ordinary Chinese people during 10 years of "fascism" from 1966 to 1976. They are not far from where a first poster directly attacked Chairman Mao.

The posters demanded the setting-up of a committee to inquire into the bloody political rioting at Peking's Tien An Men Square in April, 1976.

After referring to Chou's role as protector, the poster went on: "Among those who surrounded him and who are now dead there were some who helped him in this task. Chu Teh (father of the Red Army), Ho Lung (Army marshal), Chen Yi (former Minister), Lo Jui-ching (fomrer Public Securito Minister) and Li Fu-chun (former Politburo member."

"Among the living was Teng Hsiao-ping", the poster said.

The poster, signed by a unit belinging to the Science Academy, asks several questions: Who decided to desdrie describe the Tien An Men Square movement as "criminal"; who gave the orfer to send several hunred thousand militia into the square; how were the revolutionary masses beaten up in the parks near the square; how many deaths occurred; and how many people were imprisoned.

Not far from these posters an unsigned poem called for a monument to Chou to be erected near Mao's mausoleum.—Agence France-Presse.

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Miss Jacqueline Speier, the wounded aide of Mr Ryan who was killed in the massacre, being taken into the hospital at Andrews Air Force base, near Washington.

Survivors tell of airport murders

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Just before the suicide ceremony Mr Lane said he and Charles Garry, another American lawyer, encountered two armed black members of the commune enroute to the auditorium where the others were assembling.

"They said to us with smiles on their faces, 'We are all going to die.' They were relaxed and happy and I wondered if they were not doped," Mr Lane said.

"Shortly after that we heard the shooting. We could hear the loudspeaker speaking of the dignity of death, the beauty of dying. Jones shouted, 'Mother! mother! mother! Then there was the first burst of shooting."

Mr Lane said he and Mr Garry fled into the bush and were rescued later by a unit of the Guyanese Army.

Mrs Field-Ridley said that when troops found the bodies today some showed no signs of violence and were believed poisonvictims. Others showed signs of violence, including gunshot wounds.

Mrs Field-Ridley said Mr Jones had forced his followers to make a suicide pact with him. He predicted at the time all 1,200 members of the sect would die.

She also said that a mother and her three children, members of the sect, were found with their throat cuts in Georgetown in a pressumed murder-suicide.

Mr Nascimento said the reason Mr Jones had been allowed into Guyana was that he presented references of the highest authority.

Among them was a handwritten note from Mrs Rosalynn Carter, wife of the American President, in which she said, "I enjoyed being with you during the campaign. . . . Your comments about Cuba are helpful. I hope your suggestion can be acted on in the near future". The note, on White House stationery, was dated April 12, 1977.

Mr Nascimento said he was making the references public "not to embarrass Mrs Carter but to explain why the Government of Guyana was receptive to the Rev Jones".

Mr Nascimento also presented copies of excerpts from letters from other prominent Americans, including Vice-President Walter Mondale, former Senator Sam Ervin, the late Senator Hubert Humphrey, Senator Henry Jackson, Mr Mike Gravel, an Alaskan Congressman, and several Californian political figures.

Mrs Field-Ridley said one suspect, Larry Laytono, aged 32, an American member of the sect, had been arrested but no charges had yet been brought.

Police reported nine other suspects had been arrested in connexion with the murder of the congressman.

Survivors of yesterday's massacre were evacuated to Georgetown and from there to Puerto Rico where the most seriously injured were admitted to hospital. Five survivors, including Miss Jacqueline Speier, an aide to Mr Ryan, were flown to Andrews Air Force base near Washington.

They said the gunmen circled the aircraft in their vehicle, firing continuously and then dismounted to administer the death shots.

"There were 50, 75 shots and people were being wounded and falling to the ground. As they fell people with shotguns would walk over and at point blank range shoot people in the head", said Mr Robert Flick, an NBC producer who escaped unharmed. "Congressman Ryan died in this manner."—UPI.

Patrick Brogan writes from Washington: Recriminations have already broken out here, with Mr Ryan's friends and relatives suggesting that the State Department did not do enough for the members of the People's Temple who wished to escape, and did not warn Mr Ryan of the dangers of his mission.

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In brief

Jail sentence for Mr Diggs

Washington, Nov 20.—Representative Charles Diggs, the senior black member in the House and a powerful Michigan Democrat, was sentenced to a maximum of three years' jail today on charges of defrauding the Government of more than $60,000 (£30,000).

Mr Diggs, who was overwhelmingly reelected in the November 7 elections, was convicted last month on 29 counts involving padding the salaries of his staff so that they could pay his personal and congressional bills. The Parole Commission will decide the actual period spent in jail.

Sister for sick girl

Moscow, Nov 20.—Mrs Natalia Karz, the Jewish woman who was granted permission last week to take her sick daughter Jessica, aged one, to the United States for treatment, has given birth to a second daughter.

Press dispute over

Rawalpindi, Nov 20.—Mr Bhutto, Pakistan's former Prime Minister, has gone on another hunger strike—his fourth in six months— in his death cell to protest about a lack of medical attention, informed sources said.

Bosporus ferry hijack

Istanbul, Nov 20.—About 200 left-wing militants seized a Bosporus passenger ferry here and held it for an hour until it was challenged by Turkish naval vessels and escorted to the city's main boat station. All were arrested.

Newman son dies

Los Angeles, Nov 20.—Mr Allan Scott Newman, aged 28, a son of Paul Newman, the film star, was found dead in an hotel room here. Police said he had apparently died of an accidental overdose of drugs or alcohol.

Habash visit ends

Moscow, Nov 20.—Dr. George Habash and two other leading members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine have ended a week's visit to the Soviet Union, Tass announced.

Dock talks fail

Delhi, Nov 20.—Talks between the Indian Government and leaders of the country's striking dockers have broken down.

Cuba pledge on troops in Africa

From Our Own Correspondent
Delhi, Nov 20

Cuban troops will remain to bolster the left-wing regimes in Angola and Ethiopia until the two African states have decided that the threats to their territorial integrity and security have disappeared, Señor Isidoro Malmierca Peoli, the Cuban Foreign Minister, made clear here today.

Señor Malmierca Peoli said that Cuba had intervened in Africa in order to uphold the territorial integrity of states as laid down by the Organization for African Unity and the United Nations. If Cuba had not responded in Angola, South Africa would have extended the apartheid system much farther than Namibia (South-West Africa), he said.

The Foreign Minister added that the meeting of the non-aligned coordinating bureau in Maputo next January would decide what further action should be taken to accelerate the struggle for freedom in Rhodesia.

The purpose of Señor Malmierca Pcoli's visit to Delhi has been to counter India's reservations over where the Castro regime has been leading the non-aligned movement by its armed intervention in Africa.

Ethiopia signs friendship treaty with Soviet Union

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, Nov 20

Ethiopia today signed a treaty of friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union at the end of an official visit to Moscow by Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam, the Ethiopian leader.

The treaty, which formalizes the increasingly close links between the two countries, was signed at a Kremlin ceremony by Colonel Mengistu and President Brezhnev. Its contents have not yet been disclosed, but it is probably similar to the treaty which once linked the Soviet Union and Somalia.

That treaty was annulled by the Somalis last year after the Russians switched their support to the Ethiopians, and gave them substantial military aid to help defeat a Somali invasion of the Ogaden.

Today's treaty, which follows a declaration of friendship, may not alter the level of Soviet support much, but it is of psychological importance.

Ethiopia already receives considerable political and military help from the Russians, but needs more to bring the war in Eritrea to an end. Though Ethiopian forces there are supported by Cuban troops and Soviet equipment, fighting is still going on, and separatists last week said they expected a new government offensive soon.

Ethiopia also needs continuing technical assistance. The country's economy is in a poor state and the Russians have done much to rebuild installations damaged in the fighting with the Somalis and Eritreans, as well as providing an oil refinery, hospitals and industrial machinery.

Before leaving Moscow Colonel Mengistu had a meeting with Mr Boris Ponomaryov, a candidate member of the Politburo. The Russians have long been urging the Ethiopians to create a single Communist Party on the East European model. Colonel Mengistu told them of his "plans to create public organizations and a ruling party to head the process of Ethiopia's development along the road of socialist orientation".

The Russians like codifying their relations with their friends and allies around the world. Two weeks ago they signed a treaty of friendship with Hanoi, which provided for Soviet military assistance in case of an attack on Vietnam. They also have treaties with all their Warsaw Pact allies.

Colonel Mengistu, who is on his third official visit here, this morning left Moscow for Tashkent. He was given a full ceremonial send-off at the airport by President Brezhnev, Mr Alexei Kosygin, the Soviet Prime Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign Minister.

Malaysia lets refugee ship stay while talks go on

Kuala Lumpur, Nov 20.—The Vietnamese refugee ship Hai Hong will be allowed to stay anchored off the Malaysian coast while diplomats and government officials try to work out who will take its 2,500 passengers, informed sources said tonight.

The decision, which appeared to signal a slight softening of the Malaysian position, followed a day of urgent meetings between senior government officials and diplomats from the Canadian, French and American embassies, who have promised to increase their quotas and accept additional refugees.

The sources said the Government here was still insistent that all the Hai Hong Vietnamese be taken away and that none sets foot on Malaysian soil as a refugee.

Mr Rajagopalam Sampatkumar, the head of the United Nations refugee agency here, also attended the meeting between the diplomats and the Foreign Ministry officials.

He said afterwards he hoped the Government might soon allow embassy immigration staff to go on the 1,580-ton ship to begin processing the passengers.

There is a tight Malaysian naval and police cordon around the Hai Hong which has been anchored off Port Klang on Malaysia's west coast for 10 days.

The passengers, many of them ethnic Chinese and mainly elderly or very young, were believed to have been ferried to the cargo ship off Vung Tau port near Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) about a month ago.

Our Washington Correspondent writes: The Department of Justice here is examining ways in which a further 2,500 Vietnamese refugees could be admitted to the United States. The quota for 1978 has already been filled. Under the relevant statutes, such a decision must first be cleared with Congress, and this takes time.

It is thought that at least 20,000 refugees will leave Vietnam this month, the numbers escaping, or being permitted to leave, have been increasing sharply this year, from 2,000 in March to 6,000 in July to 12,000 in October.

By the middle of this month, at least 10,000 had reached Malaysia and considerable, though unknown, numbers of refugees had reached other countries.

It is thought that at least 150,000 people have fled from Cambodia into Vietnam, and about 160,000 Chinese have left Vietnam for China.

American observers believe that about 65 per cent of those leaving Vietnam now are Chinese. Malaysia is reluctant to upser the delicate ethnic balauce between Malays and Chinese.

Mrs Gandhi has stormy return to Parliament

From Richard Wigg
Delhi, Nov 20

Mrs Indira Gandhi, the former Indian Prime Minister, made a stormy return to parliament here today. The reelected member was greeted by loud cheers from her own Congress followers but, with cries of "murderess" and "the evil has returned" from supporters of the governing Janata Party.

Mrs Gandhi had returned overnight via Moscow from her week-long visit to Britain and immediately took the oath when the winter session opened this morning.

Stormy is also the word many commentators are expecting will describe this five-week session because of Mrs Gandhi's own position and because of the Janata government's internal difficulties which expose a flank for opposition exploitation.

Mrs Gandhi sat on the same front bench as Mr C. M. Stephen, leader of the opposition, during the din, but did not stay very long to follow parliamentary business.

Outside parliament workers from eight of the principal Indian trade union federations, representing the entire political spectrum, staged a mass rally about the same time to demand the outright withdrawal of the Janata government's Industrial Relations Bill.

This was a warning to the government that much controversial legislation left over from the barren monsoon session will also be among its problems.

It is a very long time since India's trade unions have been so united. They maintain the government Bill, aiming to outlaw "wildcat" strikes, and requiring the registration of trade unions, affects the working classes' hard won rights.

Traffic was held up in the centre of Delhi for an hour this morning as several thousand workers from the provinces, all bearing red flags filled the streets.

But inside parliament the party managers on both sides face the problem of deciding the tactics this session for highly personal issues such as introducing a Bill to set up special courts to try expeditiously the alleged offences of Mrs Gandhi and others during the emergency, and on demands for a parliamentary investigation into graft allegations against the Prime Minister's son, Mr Kanti Desai.

Mrs Gandhi's entry was watched by Mr Desai who, talking to his party followers last night, had warned them against "persons who might misuse the floor of parliament.

He told the ruling party there was the utmost need for showing discipline and organization during the coming weeks. Both were noticeably missing

Bulgaria sees itself as real victim of Markov affair

From Dessa Trevisan
Sofia, Nov 20

The mystery of the murder of Mr Georgi Markov, the Bulgarian exile writer who was killed in London two months ago with a poisoned umbrella, has yet to be cleared up, but in Bulgaria there seems to be no doubt that the motive was to discredit the country's international image. The real victim of the affair, it is felt, is Bulgaria itself.

Official protests at Western press speculation that Bulgarian Government agents may have been involved were followed by Sofia's offer to help Scotland Yard in the investigation—an offer to which there has been no reply.

While the Bulgarian authorities dismiss all suggestions that they had an interest in getting rid of an exile campaign is subtle pronaganda campaign is being conducted here suggesting that Western secret services disposed of a servant for whom they no longer had any use—the object of the campaign clearly being to discourage any potential defectors.

Mr Dragomir Assenov, a former colleague in the Writers' Union, claims that Mr Markhov was a popular and successful writer who defected because he was "a very ambitious man" and he thought that by "cutting off his roots with Bulgarian literature, he would become another Joseph Conrad".

His tragic end is seen by Bulgarian officials as simply a case of sinister forces trying to harm Bulgaria and getting rid of someone who was expendable but could still be of use for this end. If Mr Markhov was killed, a high-ranking Bulgarian diplomat said, the only people who could have killed him are those he served

According to this scenario, the job was probably done by a rival emigré organization on the orders of a Western intelligence agency.

The Bulgarians refuse to believe the story told by Mr Lubomir Kostov, the former Bulgarian television journalist, who defected two years ago, of a similar umbrella assassination attempt in Paris. They point to the fact that he was told about it only after Mr Markhov was killed and two months after it was said to have happened.

Mr Kostov's defection hurt Bulgaria much more than Mr Markov's, as he was closely connected with senior political circles and a popular personality who may have had inside knowledge of relationships within the party hierarchy.

The Bulgarians insist that it is absurd to suggest that they would have had an interest in killing Mr Markov 10 years after he had defected.

A senior diplomat in the Bulgarian Foreign Ministry said the Bulgarians offered to cooperate with Scotland Yard "not because we have any feeling of guilt but simply because we wish to help the investigation—just as we have done successfully on past occasions

Thailand jails Briton for heroin offence

From Our Correspondent
Bankok, Nov 20

Trevor John Scott, an electrical engineer, aged 35, of Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, was sentenced today to 18 months' imprisonment for illegal possession of 75 grams of heroin.

He pleaded guilty to the charge at a hearing on November 9, but not guilty to trafficking, of which he was acquitted.

Mr Scott, who came here as a tourist, has been in custody since July 24 when police found the heroin under the bed in his Bangkok hotel room. He appeared in court today wearing leg irons, which is customary in Thailand for men facing serious charges.

Iran Prime Minister pledges to imprison corrupt officials

Continued from page 1

in Tehran burnt every cinema, many banks, and the British Embassy. "People have a holy duty to prevent the destruction of property", he declared. "If you let someone burn down a building, there may be old or young people who cannot move from the building next door.

"People seem to think that because I am a general I will automatically fire machine guns at them and kill everybody", he said, chuckling softly at the absurdity of the notion.

Nevertheless, outside in the streets of Tehran and other cities there are lorries with machine guns mounted on them, manned by soldiers swathed in bandoliers of automatic ammunition. What about them?

"We do also have some riot control units, where the soldiers are equipped with rifles which fire single shots as well as automatic fire.

"The machine guns and the aircraft and helicopters flying past are part of a necessary show of force to demonstrate that we have the power and authority to meet violence if necessary, but we do not want to use it. In the Army you hope that your orders will be obeyed without your superior authority being challenged."

On strikers: "Nations are like a man when he gets angry, he needs time to smoke a cigarette, drink a cup of coffee, listen to some music. We are trying to win that time, and think that they are slowly coming back to work. We are also trying to persuade them that they are hurting the 35 million other Iranians more than they are the Government or his Imperial Majesty."

On corruption: "The people who have produced this situation—whatever their title, rank or echelon—I will have put in prison." He emphasized his point with pursed lips and clenched fingers.

Are there many more to be arrested?—"Yes". But, will the public wait that long for conviction, particularly as many of the most important suspects have left the country?

"Yes, but I will propose to Parliament new laws to quicken up the procedures, increase the number of courts trying these cases, and give the courts discretion to confiscate property from those people abroad who do not come home for questioning—property equal to the amount of sums which are under suspicion.

"They will be given a little time—say, three days from Turkey, five days from the United States. It will be up to the court to decide."

Will the royal family be included? "It is a big family. With the exception of his Imperial Majesty's brothers and sisters, whose affairs are to be investigated by a special committee, everybody else in the royal family will be my responsibility.

"If the special committee finds that they have funds that they should not have, the brothers' and sisters' money will be returned. Anybody else who has amassed a large fortune may have to furnish an explanation of how he got it. I was born a poor man. If I suddenly became a millionaire, like many have, people would want to know how."



General Azhari: "I am responsible for getting Iran back to work"

What of the Shah himself? "People do not seem to realize that his Imperial Majesty has changed. He wants to work within the constitution. I am responsible for what goes on in this country now, for any killings by the Army, for getting it back to work. I am responsible, not the Shah."

Tapping the crosssbelt of his Sam Browne for emphasis, he added: "I am responsible to him (the Shah) and to Parliament, but he does not tell me what to do. I ask his advice, as he is a very experienced man, but I am not one of those officers who has to seek permission before taking any decision. This office depends on the man who fills it. People who were corrupt officials have been guilty of treason."

This seemed to be an oblique reference to one of his predecessors as Prime Minister, Mr Amir Abbas Hoveidah. It was one of General Azhari's first acts as Prime Minister to arrest Mr Hoveidah, who as Prime Minister and Court Minister, had been closely involved in the Shah's autocracy for 13 years. The Shah is known to have been privately reluctant to have him arrested, on the ground that such a move came perilously close to the throne itself.

"I did not ask his Imperial Majesty about Mr Hoveidah's arrest. I told him what we planned, and he said: 'If that is what you think best, you must do it.'"

If the strikes continue to paralyse the country, putting at risk the Army's ability to maintain control, and the only solution appears to be the departure of the Shah, how would the Army cope with such divided loyalty?

General Azhari did not reject the possibility. "I fear such a situation terribly. Every officer is so devoted to his Imperial Majesty that I would fear the consequences. It is not just loyalty to him, but because he is actually the commander of the armed forces as well, he takes a very close interest in all its affairs.

"As his Chief of Defence Staff I coordinated meetings, but his Imperial Majesty was actually the commander taking decisions. As Prime Minister I still coordinate meetings.

How reliable was his conscript Army in the face of appeals by the Paris-based religious leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, to overthrow the Shah?

"When conscripts come in they are full of slogans like 'death to the Shah', which the young people are shouting, they then find that everybody in the Army presents arms and salutes when his Imperial Majesty's name is mentioned, so they conform.

"Young people are impressionable, and they are given good briefings and shown what Khomeini's so-called Islamic République would mean—coup after coup after coup, so that my grandchildren, whatever else they may be doing, will be living through coups."

While we talked, negotiations were going on to create a moderate group of politicians endorsed by moderate religious leaders who could form a government.

The Prime Minister said that he would welcome any politicians who supported the constitution. If the National Front leaders accepted those terms, he would welcome them as members of his Government. He had not met many of his own ministers before their names were recommended to him in lists that he had requested from various advisers.

If Dr Karim Sanjabi, or any other opposition leader, now came top of his list, he would have him in the Government.

Algerian leader 'treated on kidney machine'

Algiers, Nov 20.—President Houari Boumedienne, of Algeria, is having treatment with a kidney machine, according to reliable sources here.

The President, who is 51, was officially reported on Saturday to be in medical care after treatment in Moscow, but there has been no word on the nature of his illness. Two French medical specialists have been called in as consultants to help the team treating the President, who has not taken part in public life for about two months.

The sources said his health suddenly deteriorated on Friday, and he was admitted to Mustafa Hospital here a day later.—Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

Turkey seeks bids for its first nuclear plant

From Sinan Fisek
Ankara, Nov 20

The construction of Turkey's first nuclear power plant will be open to international bidding next week and is expected to stir up controversy.

Opponents of the project are led by Agricultural and Fishermen's Cooperatives Union in the southern Turkish province of Icel, where the plant is to be built.

The area is a tourist centre, and the protesters claim that nuclear wastes will kill most of its marine life, affecting hundreds of fishermen.

Opponents said that the site of the first plant was chosen because it was almost earthquake free.

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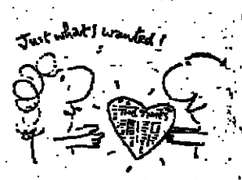
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THE ARTS

Driving round Europe with Bonnard

Bonnard drawings for 'LA 628-E8'
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Fragonard drawings for 'Orlando Furioso'
Agnew

John Russell Taylor

By a curious coincidence two very important series of original illustrations by French masters are at present getting their first exposure to the public in Bond Street right now. There are obvious differences: as many as there are between Bonnard and Fragonard, or for that matter between Mirbeau's literary travelogue *LA 628-E8* and *Orlando Furioso*. And yet, for all that, it is surprising the consistency between these two distinct expressions of the French genius.

The Bonnard drawings were done in 1906 and 1907 mainly, it seems, to oblige his friend Mirbeau, with whom he had in common a passion for cars. Mirbeau's passion had recently found expression in a four-cylinder Charron Girardot & Voigt, in which he toured, as he put it, "through a small part of France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, and above all through a small part of myself". The book which resulted from this, given as title the registration number of the car, was published in an edition limited to 225 copies, in 1908. All except two of Bonnard's 106 brush-and-Chinese ink drawings were reproduced in it, after a fashion, but they were really reduced to marginalia, much smaller, most of them, than the originals, and otherwise cut about to fit round the text. In consequence, they are not so well known as the major series of illustrations Bonnard did just before for Vollard's superb editions of Verlaine's *Parallèlement* and *Daphnis and Chloe*, and the originals have lain, largely disregarded, with Mirbeau's original manuscript in a succession of private collections. Their coming on the market again, and possible dispersal, are the occasion for the present show.



Fragonard: Rinaldo embarks for England despite the storm

It is a total delight. Bonnard's mastery of the fiendishly difficult medium, which does not allow for any kind of indecision or second thoughts, is complete. Some of the drawings are just funny, showing the little upsets of travelling by car with warm humour rather in the spirit of *Three Men in a Boat*. But even here the economy of line and gesture, which conjures up complete facial expressions from the tiniest flick of the brush, or captures a whole attitude and atmosphere in a couple of strokes, forbids us, even as we smile, to take the artistry too lightly. And other drawings in the series have a sharp satiric edge, like that of the King of the Belgians romping with Cléo de Mérode, or seem like the first thought of something which could at will be developed into a major oil many times the size: one nude in particular, of a girl taking off her chemise in front of a mirror, says it all about youth and sensual delight and the observing eye of the painter. And then there are Bonnard's birds and animals. They are completely unsentimentalised, without anthropomorphism: his geese are geese, secure in their total disregard for humans and lack of even pseudo-human emotion.

If the Bonnards are easy and intimate, like someone chattering on to his friends, the Fragonards—these Fragonards anyway—are grand and heroic. They are in chalk, with brown or grey wash, and apparently Fragonard did them fairly late in his career for a projected edition of Ariosto which never materialized. There are 137 of them altogether, which remained in one collection until they were acquired in 1922 by the redoubtable Dr Rosenbach; after 23 years he began to disperse them, and at present 58 are in the possession of Agnew's, and 28 of those are on show.

Again, the first impression is one of bounding, abounding invention. None of this particular group refers back to that frilly, rococo-fantastic quality we usually think of as quintessential Fragonard: they are mostly scenes of combat, composed with baroque grandeur even within their limited space. Not that the fantastic side of Ariosto is neglected either: the dragons and lions put to flight by Astolfo's magic horn are splendidly rendered, and my own favourite of the whole series gives a wonderfully dramatic mid-air view of Atlante, mounted a little perilously on the hippogryph, swooping down from the clouds on Bradamante. In others the drama is reduced to something which might come from a contemporary operatic production, but in general the elegance and ease—again, the Bonnard quality of virtuosity lightly, almost apologetically worn—carry us over everything and create the civilized consistency of the whole. Measure in all things, from a goose to a hippogryph: perhaps only the French genius could achieve it.

Hello, Dolly, to the redoubtable Miss Parton

Miss Dolly Parton, in the words of her own song "looking better than a body has a right to", invited me to share her flat champagne to inspire our talk about her current British tour. "Ain't no one ever told you you were flat, Dolly", said her manager. "Ain't no one ever told me I were sharp neither", the lady replied.

Musically she may be right on key, but clearly, in every other sense of the word you don't make it out of a hut in a "holler" (hollow) of the Great Smokey Mountains of Tennessee without being sharper than most. Miss Parton at 32 is a living example of the fulfilled American dream. She is colourful, rich, opportunist, superficially sentimental, often vulgar and quite admirable. To abbreviate Fred Astaire's short-sighted critic, she can sing a little, she admits she has no great voice, but whatever she does she puts the whole of her soul and her considerable body into.

Both were inherited. Her Granddaddy's people were all preachers and singers, and church is where she got the notion to sing all the while and write her own songs as a kid. She sang aged 12 at the Grand Ole Opry, the Nashville radio programme turned national institution which is to country and Western music rather as the RSC is to Shakespeare. There are no more than 50 carefully chosen members who keep their tenure with a given number of performances a season for very little recompense but with great affection.

Since the programme first provided a communal focus for the scattered inhabitants of some of the loneliest stretches of the United States, its commercial possibilities have led to the foundation of a Grand Ole Opry house in Nashville and something very like a mid-Western Disneyland for those devotees of country music who take their trailers and their holidays there.



Country music is the poor white music of America celebrating above all courage in ridiculous adversity and a certain reward in the sky which can appear humorous to the more privileged. Miss Parton denies that there is any humour in it. One of 12 children of a farmer and construction worker, she has horrendous tales of bed-sharing, sickness and poverty and she decided not to wait for her reward until the after life. "I always wanted to have things", she says, "big houses, big cars, clothes, jewellery. Refusing to think I couldn't have them is the reason I could". The family were so isolated at one point in a place called Locust Ridge that there was practically no schooling, no electricity and certainly no television or radio. The nearest neighbour was "1½ country miles away—that's over mountains". If visitors ever dropped by they found it difficult to prise themselves away again. Dolly would make them tell stories about the big city. Urban relatives used to bring the family department store catalogues to use as toilet paper, which was where Dolly got her ideas of a better life.

Pretty soon she was organizing all but her three elder brothers, Bobby, Dave and Denver, "who were too bashful to get into showbusiness", into a travelling family group. Mommy and Daddy could now take it easy while Dolly raised the younger kids in relative luxury in Nashville with the aid of her asphalt worker husband Carl Dean, who doesn't fly, doesn't sing and generally looks after the farm.

Despite, or perhaps because of having raised five kids, the youngest of which is now 18, successfully, she says, because of her ability to tell them stories, she never wants any children of her own—"I'm afraid I won't get so much petting from my husband."

Her outrageous blonde wigs—soon to be a commercial venture—her pert, doll-like body—already there are Parton-owned look-alike Dolly dolls—her improbable bust measurements (certainly real), her 2 in fingernails (not quite so certainly) and her passion for preposterous pink clothes all spell blatant sex appeal, yet I doubt if stay-at-home Carl ever has serious reason to fear Dolly's adventures on the road. She is the real American professional who is not ashamed to seize on some of the country's caricature pioneer appetites and explore them to quite asexual ends. Lurking in these beautiful Southern bodies who seem to survive impossibly deprived childhoods to grow up with better skins, better builds and better stamina than anyone from the welfare state, are seriously realistic minds.

If her first talent is survival Dolly Parton's second, her music, is no less appealing. She has a lot of joy and a lot of genuine belief in it on and off stage. As employer to around 50 people she says she never allows herself the self-analysis of depression and just gets on with her responsibilities. Rather alarmingly this self-confidence is about to lead her away from her roots to Hollywood, where, having just signed a three-picture writing and acting deal with Twentieth Century Fox, she is off to make a practice movie about secretaries with Jane Fonda and Lilly Tomlin. It sounds like a trio which could give any boss a bad time.

I hope Miss Parton will not allow herself to be seduced by too much self-improvement or by too many Hollywood agents whose minds seem only to understand the similarities rather than the differences between people and who are already touting her as another Mae West.

Glenys Roberts

Adelaide di Borgogna
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Stanley Sadie

It was a nice little twist of irony that gave us, on the 150th anniversary of Schubert's death, a rare opera by the composer so much preferred to him by the Viennese, Rossini. Put on by the ever enterprising Pro Opera, under Leslie Head, *Adelaide di Borgogna*, a two-act *dramma*, was claimed as receiving its first modern performance.

The work was composed in 1817, in the period that gave birth to *Cenerentola*, *La gazza ladra*, *Armida* and *Mosè*. Written for Rome at a time when Rossini's chief efforts were concentrated on operas for Naples, it is quickly dismissed, or even passed over, in the Rossini literature.

It starts with the disadvantage of an inconsequential, poorly motivated libretto, by Giovanni Schmidt. Not surprisingly there is a good deal of rum-ti-tum music in it, notably where the chorus assert their loyalty or their support of the hero Ottone (a contralto). The best music, however, is assigned to the heroic characters, Ottone and the Italian queen Adelaide, and its quality tends to improve as the opera progresses—one would say, if we could be sure he composed it consecutively, as Rossini's interest in his creatures developed.

In fact, Adelaide has something quite striking early on, too, an ensemble section beautifully scored with low violas sustaining and the other strings pizzicato. Late in Act I she has an expressive cantabile aria, and then a fine duet with Ottone, her warm phraseology at first set against his heroics, before they find accord in their feelings and their music alike.

The second act, though its central quartet fails to hold the promise of its noble, solemn start, is superior, and has a strongly expressive love duet that gives way to an aria for Adelaide with a deeply-felt slow section and a brilliant cabaletta—soon to be capped by another, equally brilliant, from Ottone. This is not, by far, the best of Rossini, but there is music that needs an occasional airing, in a modest-sized hall on a wet Sunday evening.

It would have profited from better performance; the chorus was feeble, the orchestra unsure, the direction well-intentioned but unable to give the music much life or shape. There were two excellent singers, in the central roles: Eiddwen Harrhy's voice rang out splendidly in Adelaide's top notes, and she phrased the expressive lines creamily and with feeling; while Della Jones made a finely rhythmic Ottone, a model of precision and evenness in these testing roulades. The tenor, Adelberto, was thinly but accurately done by Ernesto Palacio, and Richard Earle showed a pleasant soft, agile baritone as the villain Berengario.

LPO/Haitink
Festival Hall

Joan Chissell

After London's recent orgy of Mahler, Bernard Haitink's concert with the LPO on Sunday could have been called a palate-cleanser: Mozart and a still-young Beethoven shared the programme with neo-classical Stravinsky.

The soloist was the French pianist, Jean-Bernard Pommier, at last, in his mid-thirties, winning the recognition in Britain he enjoys elsewhere. His account of Beethoven's third piano concerto was admirably confident, clean and characterful. Its effortlessness could perhaps have worried those believing that stylishness in Beethoven involves some betrayal of strain. But this concerto was written with one foot still in the eighteenth century, and Mr Pommier cleverly held the balance between the old world and the new, between classical fluency and the romantic drama inherent in C minor for Beethoven.

The programme began with Beethoven's overture to *Prometheus*, bold but short. So it was a happy thought to follow it with two numbers from the ballet itself, the Adagio (No 5) reflecting the composer in a kind of starry-eyed bewilderment that he could still remain true to himself while succumbing to the magic of the stage, and the finale, to come to so much greater glory in keyboard variations and, of course, the Eroica Symphony.

But just for one arresting key-shift towards the end, not to mention the exhilarating finish itself, it was good to be reminded of the original. Mr Haitink caressed the slow music and drew splendid bite and brio from the LPO elsewhere.

Before ending with Mozart's Jupiter Symphony, Mr Haitink reduced his orchestra to Bach-like proportions for Stravinsky's Bach-inspired Dumbarton Oaks Concerto. Textural transparency and pointed rhythm made it a performance of style, and always Mr Haitink reminded us of the composer's genius in home-coming, as if groping his way through clouds to the diatonic warmth and light of the sun.

Karr-Lewis Duo
Wigmore Hall

Nigel Simeone

Billy Smart had best look to his laurels—he has a formidable rival in the Karr-Lewis Duo, who provided two hours of entertainment at Wigmore Hall on Sunday.

On a serious, musical level, there is no doubting Gary Karr's absolute command of his instrument. His range of expression, and richness of tone make the double bass sound much closer to the cello than is usually the case, and his bow and fingers are astonishingly agile.

It was clearly with a sense of fun that this team approached the recital. With the Bloch "Prayer" which opened the programme one was immediately struck by the beauty and fullness of sound which Karr produces. Telemann followed, accompanied by a particularly brittle harpsichord, rendered well-nigh inaudible by the huge resonance of the bass, giving the piece a rather grotesque bottom-heavy quality.

After some jokes from the duo, they played Paul Ramsier's *Divertimento Concertante on a theme of Couperin*. Here Karr was in his element, with both visual and musical acrobatics in a piece which was tailor-made to fit his requirements. He is a born comedian, swinging lazily from his bass in the waltz, and standing gruffly to attention in the march.

At the start of the second half, Mr Karr spoke briefly about the empty virtuosity of the Dittersdorf concerto which he was to play, describing it as "the work of a pretentious technocrat". It was a pity, therefore, that he botched the first movement, with poor intonation and missed harmonics; his unashamed send-up of the finale was the work of a talented clown.

It was only right that Koussevitzky, whose bass Gary Karr plays, should be represented, and in the Two Pieces by Koussevitzky Karr's playing was incredibly sensitive with a wide dynamic range and a superb control of the bow.

I did not enjoy the slow and exaggerated performance of Rachmaninov's *Vocalise*, but for the final item the duo were joined by Raymond Cohen in a suitably melodramatic rendering of Bottesini's high-spirited *Grand Duo Concertante*.

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Sunday night's Round House concert by the London Sinfonietta conducted by Elgar Howarth was part of the intensive programme of (generally very welcome) events organized by the Goethe institute as part of their *Seventies Meet the Twenties* season. It was most enjoyable, but one has to report that the Twenties scored a victory of three goals to nil over the present decade.

The latter had, for example, no answer to the wit and incessant invention of Stravinsky's Octet (1923). These qualities assert themselves on so many levels, and simultaneously, as in the contrapuntal ingenuities of the first movement, which were clearly pointed in this interpretation.

Composed a year earlier, Hindemith's Kammermusik No. 1 Op. 24 also sounds startlingly new, and, like the Stravinsky, as far removed from conventional notions of chamber music as possible, above all in the brazen march which forms the second movement. In fact, Hindemith's opening movement takes certain ideas from *Petroushka*, but this, again, is an extremely inventive work even if more overtly iconoclastic than anything by Stravinsky. For instance, one does not easily forget that moment in the finale when the trumpet plays a fox-trot tune against scales in 11 different keys from the other instruments. Like all the rest, this passage was performed with a suitably abrasive vigour.

If Stravinsky is lucid and Hindemith at times lurid, the evening's novelty seemed merely dull. This was Hans-Jurgen von Bose's *Travestics in a Sad Landscape*, a London Sinfonietta commission that received its first performance. The composer tells us that his piece operates on two levels, one a sort of musical collage and the other a series of travesties of a fifteenth-century melody.

No dialogue was detectable, at an initial hearing, between these elements, and the whole seemed only to be a sequence of—in the context of this programme rather uninventive—textures sounding, very approximately, like a debilitated Alban Berg. Of greater consequence was Weill's *Kleine Dreigroschenmusik* (1929), which got a noticeably emphatic reading. In fact the London Sinfonietta needs to relax a bit more into these seedy yet unforgettable melodies.

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PARLIAMENT, November 20, 1978

Changing powers on prices must be part of wider move

House of Commons

Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said that he had no immediate plans to change the powers or the activities of the Price Commission.

Certainly (he added) there are some areas where their powers might be sharpened and made more effective. Were that to come about, it would have to be part of a wider initiative on pay and prices in general.

Mr Jeffrey Rooker (Birmingham, Perry Barr, Lab) had said that as the Conservative Party were opposed to strengthening the powers of the commission it was up to Mr Hattersley.

Has he (he asked) any proposals to make sure the Price Commission is toughened up again so we put a fourth leg on the stool and take positive action on prices?

Mr Timothy Smith (Ashfield, C)—What effect will the increase in the mortgage rate have on the retail price index? Will the Government not accept part of the responsibility for this occurrence bearing in mind the size of the public sector borrowing requirement?

Mr Hattersley (Birmingham, Sparkbrook)—The simple statistical answer is 0.4 per cent over six or seven months. I do not know how he has the gall to talk about the PSBR when he compares the success we have had in holding that down, to that of the Conservative Government.

Sir William Elliott (Newcastle upon Tyne, North, C)—Small and medium-size businesses, particularly medium-size ones, are having to take account in their planning much higher wage awards than 5 per cent. What does Mr Hattersley think this will do to the RPI in due course?

Mr Hattersley—A series of pay increases in excess of those in the July White Paper would increase the rate of inflation. It is because of that, we are fighting so hard to keep wage increases at or about that figure.

In later questions Miss Gonagh McDonald (Thurrock, Lab) asked—When he meets the chairman of the Price Commission, he should say he is going to remove the profit safeguard clause from the Price Commission Act which enables many large companies such as Allied Breweries, Tate and Lyle and Lever Brothers to have the whole of the price increases they asked for. This would strengthen the hand of the chairman.

Mr Hattersley—I have never made any secret of my own reservations about the safeguard clause inserted originally for the first year of the Price Commission to convince industry that neither the Act nor the commission were likely to work in a way to their detriment.

It would have to be done as part of a wider initiative about prices and wages. It would be difficult to alter it in isolation.

The Price Commission was carrying out its work with great distinction and if necessary its powers should be made more effective rather than reduced, Mr Hattersley said later in answer to questions on how much it cost and whether he proposed reducing that cost.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) had asked for the estimated total cost of the Price Commission during the year ending April 5, 1979, and what proposals the minister had for reducing that cost.

Mr Hattersley—The 1978-79 estimate provision is approximately £7.3m. Expenditure on the commission is kept to the minimum compatible with the need for it to discharge its functions efficiently.

Mr Gow—Bearing in mind that the retail prices have more than doubled since this administration came into office, is he really satisfied that the Price Commission is worth £7.3m a year?

Is he aware that many Conservative MPs believe that the public interest would best be served by its total abolition? (Conservative cheers).

Mr Hattersley—I am aware of that. But my answer is yes, I am satisfied that it is necessary and I am satisfied that it is doing a good job.

Mr Max Madden (Sowerby, Lab)—Would Mr Hattersley arrange for a list to be published on those occasions the Tory Opposition have opposed or failed to support any legislation, to control prices?

Mr Hattersley—The record of the Conservatives is well known. They opposed the Price Commission Bill and every initiative we have taken on this subject. Their entire role is to complain on a selective use of figures. The opinion polls have demonstrated that the public have rumbled them.

Mrs Sally Oppenheim, chief Opposition spokesman on prices and consumer protection (Gloucester, C)—Is he aware that the Price Commission's claim to have prevented about £121m worth of price increases in its first year amounts to a reduction in the retail price index of about 0.1 per cent?

If one deducts from that the millions of pounds it has cost industry, and the cost of the commission itself, then that figure is probably 0.75 per cent.

How can he claim that such a derisory figure is of any consequence to the consumer, bearing in mind the difficulties and uncertainties the whole paraphernalia of the Price Commission has caused to industry?

Mr Hattersley—She has confirmed what we suspected of her during the second reading of the Prices Bill, that she does not understand the purpose of the Price Commission, which is intended to operate on a selective basis.

Its role is to prevent unnecessary price increases, not as an across the board check.

That role is carried out with great distinction and I believe it should go on, if necessary by changing its powers by making it more effective rather than reducing its powers.

Mr Hattersley foresees sensible pay round

There was no reason why the 12 month rate of increase in retail prices should return to double figures if pay settlements were consistent with the policy outlined in the White Paper *Winning the Battle Against Inflation*, Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said during questions.

Mr Michael Spicer (Worcestershire, South, C)—If things should start to go wrong this winter, and there are clear signs that they might, can we assume he will be advising the Prime Minister further to delay the general election and, if so, would he be offering advice on which parliamentary groups he is going to buy off and how?

Mr Hattersley—I am prepared to consider that question as if it was sensible. I do not believe any of the forebodings implicit will come about—forebodings for us, hopes for him. We will have a sensible pay round.

The inflation rate will carry on at around about the present percentage in the months ahead because I believe in the common sense and public spiritedness of the trade unionists of this country.

Mr Michael Latham (Melton, C)—How much more will prices go up because of the Government's failure to reach agreement with the TUC? If the answer is nothing, why did they try to reach it in the first place?

Mr Hattersley—I made a long speech on this subject on Saturday. I propose to punish Mr Latham by sending it to him. I do not believe there will be a significant difference in either the level of wage settlements or in their effect on the RPI as a result of the TUC's eventual inability to subscribe to that document.

For the economic success of this country, there needs to be a close working partnership between the TUC and the Government. The reason I wanted that document endorsed by both parties was to give that close working relationship some more formal and more detailed application.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—I trust he will not send his speech to me; I have a feeling I have read it before. Will he say a few words to the chairman of the TUC (Mr Tom Jackson) who on the one side has argued that we ought to keep to the 5 per cent and on the other his union on that day was putting in a claim for 25 per cent? Would that be a rapacious claim or a moderate claim?

Is it not clear to the Government that the 5 per cent has been broken and we ought to get back to a sensible position of free collective bargaining, but at the same time accept a recognition that claims ought to be kept within reasonable bounds?

Mr Hattersley—The point he makes demonstrates the consistency of the attitude of the Post Office Workers' Union. The point Mr Tom Jackson has made throughout is that while many trade unions might want to initiate pay increases consistent with our inflation, once one trade union begins to break the line it becomes almost impossible for others not to do the same.

Clash over level of inflation in Britain

Britain's inflation rate was now appreciably lower than the rate in OECD countries, Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said.

He informed Mr Fergus Montgomery (Altrincham and Sale, C) that from February 1974 to the latest available date, price indices for West Germany, Japan, France, United States and United Kingdom had risen by 20.2 per cent, 47.3 per cent, 57.7 per cent, 40.9 per cent, and 97.7 per cent.

Mr Hattersley replying to questions, said: Four and a half years ago we had an inflation rate which was knowingly induced by a government which allowed the money supply and the public sector borrowing requirement to get totally out of control. That is why this country has an inflation rate above that of its competitors.

Mr David Knox (Leek, C)—The increase of prices in Britain has been four times that in West Germany and twice that in Japan, the United States and France since the Government came to power. Why has the situation been so much worse in Britain?

Mr Hattersley—The simple fact is that those countries were fortunate not to have in 1973 and 1974, governments which allowed the money supply and PSBR to get out of control.

Mr Gwilym Roberts (Cannock, Lab)—The present position of Britain compares favourably with the great bulk of western European countries.

Mr Hattersley—Our inflation rate is now appreciably lower than the rates in OECD countries. The reaction of the Opposition to this situation is not pleasure that this country is doing well but regret that they are doing so badly. (Labour cheers).

Mrs Sally Oppenheim, chief Opposition spokesman on prices and consumer protection (Gloucester, C)—The consumers of this country would not concur with the minister that this country is doing well.

When he trots out his moth eaten alibi four and a half years after the Conservative Government were in power and boasts of the fact that the current rate of inflation is at or below that of our main competitors, will he also bear in mind that the annual average increase of inflation in this country is not 8 per cent but 16 per cent?

That is the level which matters to consumers and that is the level he must compare with other countries during this period. (Conservative cheers).

Mr Hattersley—Mrs Oppenheim's judgment on these matters will be best understood when I remind her that three months ago when I said inflation would stay at or about 7.8 per cent she described that as fraudulent, lying and a perversion of the truth. (Conservative protests). That puts her judgment into proper perspective.

Mrs Oppenheim: Is it in order to ask Mr Hattersley to provide the evidence of when I said this was a lying rate of inflation?

Mr Hattersley: *Hansard*, June 12, Column 633.

Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C), later, on a point of order, said that Mr Hattersley had said that Mrs Oppenheim, speaking from the front bench, accused him of making lying predictions about the rate of inflation.

I must confess (he said) that I was surprised that any occupant of the Chair would have allowed such a statement to be made in the House. Therefore, I obtained the *Hansard* record and I find that what it says was rather different than that which Mr Hattersley averred that it said.

Mrs Oppenheim was not referring to Mr Hattersley. She was not referring to his period of office. She had said: "Do they think that the people of this country have forgotten this Government's lies about the rate of inflation before the last election?"

In short, she was referring to a period before this Government was formed and before Mr Hattersley occupied his present station.

I do not ask him for one moment to agree with what Mrs Oppenheim said. That would be too much. I ask him to correct the record of what he attributed to her this afternoon.

Mr Hattersley—There is no doubt that included in the passage that he did not read out was an invitation from Mrs Oppenheim to me to tell the truth for once. I do not see how that could be interpreted as other than suggesting that on other occasions I lied.

Minister to establish advisory committee to undertake continuing review of company law

The Government proposed to set up a standing advisory committee on company law on which not only the professions but industry, the City and trade unions would be represented, Mr John Smith, Secretary of State for Trade (North Lanarkshire, Lab) said in moving the second reading of the Companies Bill.

He said the Bill had two main purposes: to implement the EEC second directive on company law and to give effect to the proposals in the White Paper *The Conduct of Company Directors*, published in November, 1977. The Bill also revised the penalties and modes of trial for offences under the Companies Acts and provided new powers relating to the fees charged by the Registry of Business Names.

The continuing review of company law undertaken by the department was aimed at identifying important areas where the law needed to be strengthened and drew heavily on recommendations for reform from inspectors' reports into company affairs, the outcome of court cases and representations by the legal and accountancy professions among others. The proposals in the White Paper were one result of this continuing review and the Green Paper *The Future of Company Reports* was another.

A second factor influencing the development of company law and contributing to the proposals in the Bill was the European company law harmonization programme. The EEC second directive had been followed by the adoption of two further directives during the past two months. A number of other draft company law directives were in various stages of negotiation or preparation and the cumulative impact of the EEC programme on United Kingdom company law was likely to be considerable.

The third source of influence on company law was perhaps the most important. It was the impact of wider economic and social developments affecting, for example, public expectations about the extent to which companies, particularly large companies, disclosed information about their activities and the expectations of employees wishing to play a greater and increasing part in decisions affecting their working lives and the success of their company.

It was necessary to consider all these different and important pressures and proposals to ensure that balanced and sensible progress was made. This consideration was normally undertaken by the department, assisted every 20 years or so by a specially appointed committee.

He no longer believed that an occasional inquiry was a sensible way to proceed and felt it was necessary to have an independent and public body to advise on the development of company law. He proposed to set up a standing advisory committee on company law, on which not only the professions but industry, the City and the trade unions would be represented, to undertake a continuing review of company law and to provide him with advice on general developments and specific proposals.

Many details remain to be settled, on which he proposed to hold discussions with the interested parties, but would expect that the committee's reports and recommendations would normally be published.

As part of the process of adapting the law to comply with the second directive they had also thought it sensible to introduce a number of useful improvements into the law which were closely related to, not essential for the implementation of, the directive. That would not have been possible under the order making procedure for implementing EEC directives.

The essential features of a public company would be that its constitution must meet the requirements laid down in Part One of the Bill. Its name must end with the designation "public limited company," or P.L.C. or C.C.C. in Welsh, and have a statutory minimum capital of £50,000.

Current requirements that private companies must restrict the right to transfer their shares and limit the numbers of their members to 50 would be repealed.

There were about 16,000 public companies and over 600,000 private companies at present. Up to half the existing public companies would perhaps become private companies under the Bill. The second directive would apply to less than 1 per cent of all companies on the register. Over 99 per cent would be private companies when the transitional period provided in the Bill was complete.

Safeguards were provided for minorities where a public company decided to become a private company.

The second part of the Bill was mainly concerned with implementing the requirements of the second directive relating to the share capital of public companies. The basic principles behind the requirements were sound and were not fully reflected in the present law. Certain of the provisions would therefore apply to private as well as public companies.

These included provisions requiring consent to the issue of shares and others giving preemption rights to existing shareholders on the issue of new shares, which would provide greater protection for minority shareholders in private companies against discriminatory increases in shares capital. Provisions prohibiting a company from acquiring its own shares would also apply to all companies.

Reform of the law relating to divided control was long overdue and part three of the Bill, giving new rules on the distribution of profits, would cover private and public companies.

The Jenkins Committee report in 1962 recommended that the law should be changed to prohibit the distribution of unrealized capital profits and this overdue reform would be introduced as a new rule.

Another new rule would be that public companies which had net unrealized losses would only be able to pay a dividend if they retained sufficient realized profits to cover their unrealized losses.

Special rules were set out, with a new certification procedure, for investment trust companies whose distributions could not be governed by the capital maintenance concept.

Part Four of the Bill dealt with a number of proposals put forward in the White Paper *The Conduct of Company Directors*. It codified the existing common law duties of directors, dealing with fiduciary duties and those of skill and care.

It was no longer acceptable that company law should require directors to act solely in the interests of shareholders. This did not reflect the reality of business operations in the twentieth century, or indeed the practice of responsible boards of directors.

In the White Paper the Government stated their belief that employees should be given legal recognition by company law and that the statutory definition of the duty of directors would require directors to take into account the interests of employees as well as of shareholders.

It seemed appropriate that this provision should be seen as part of the general statement of directors' duties. The Government had in consequence included a clause in the Bill instead of deferring it for future legislation on industrial democracy.

The effect of this clause (he said) is to create a positive duty on directors; it is not merely permissive. One major consequence will be that in future directors will not be at risk, in actions brought by shareholders, simply because they have taken account of the interests of employees.

The Bill contained important new provisions relating to loans to directors. These extended the existing prohibition on loans to directors to cover, in the case of public companies, loans to a director's immediate family and to companies in which the director had a substantial interest. Breach of these new provisions was to be a criminal offence where the company concerned was a public company.

These provisions were subject to certain exceptions. In particular the present banking exemption was being retained. But the total of any loans made under this exemption to a director and those closely associated with him might not exceed £50,000 and no such loans might be on specially favourable terms, unless the loan was made under a house purchase scheme available to employees of the company.

These new restrictions were backed up by more detailed disclosure requirements where loans had been made to directors, their families or associated companies.

The provisions in the clauses concerned with insider dealing had probably attracted more comment than much of the rest of the Bill put together.

The central proposition contained in these clauses was that insider dealing should be made a criminal offence. The Government believed that the case for such action had been clearly established. In their recent statement, the Council for the Securities Industry, speaking for a wide range of financial and business interests, had firmly and clearly supported this.

One can (he said) analyse the phenomenon to show that it represents a threat to public confidence in directors and others closely associated with companies, that it is unfair to other shareholders and investors, that it is frequently a breach of the person's obligations to companies.

But one can put it simply; insider dealing is wrong. Within the existing framework of self-regulation in this area, it is forbidden under the rules of the Stock Exchange and the City Panel on Take-Overs and Mergers, but those bodies agree that more is called for and that criminal sanction should be introduced.

However, the distinction between reprehensible conduct and innocent and indeed useful activities was easier to recognize in practice than embody in statutory language.

I therefore wish (he continued) to make it plain that whilst the Government are firmly committed to the introduction of criminal sanctions they do not intend to make it impossible for legitimate or desirable activities to continue.

He had in mind, for example, shareholdings by employees and directors in the companies for whom they worked, the more active role for institutional shareholders, the role of investment analysts, and financial journalist in disseminating information and evaluating companies' performance.

When enacted, the proposals would be the first statutory steps in a complex area. They were intended to be on the cautious side, representing a fair and reasonable balance between deterring wrongdoers, and not discouraging those people who did no wrong at all.

In market transactions, jobbers acted as principles and there was often a random matching of buying and selling. However careful a buyer or seller was, there was always the risk that the shares came from an insider seeking to make an illicit profit.

A clause made it an offence for people who knew they were connected with a company to deal on a recognized stock exchange in shares of that company when they knew that they possessed information which was not generally available and was likely, if so available, materially to affect the price.

It also applied where a person connected with a company dealt in the shares of another com when the price sensitive inf tion related to a transaction ing the companies. It would offence to procure other peo deal or pass such inform knowing that they would then on the Stock Exchange.

Prosecutions in England Wales could only be initiate the Secretary of State for tra with the consent of the Direct Public Prosecutions. In Scot consent would be given by Lord Advocate.

The Bill enabled him to ap Inspectors to investigate susp cases of insider dealing in s transactions. The powers were siderably greater than the powers of investigation of cri offences, but were justified b need to provide an effective m of getting to the bottom of pected cases of insider dealing

They would be as valuab permitting people to clear t selves or clients of suspicion narrowing the field of susp The categories of people who be required to give evidenc oath were strictly limited.

An investigation could be p hand either because the de ment had received prima faci dence, or because the Exchange had detected sign insider trading. Their assis would be essential in prov information about share dea and they had assured their cooperation.

As with all criminal whether murder, fraud or ing offences, these provi would not stop all breache the law, and nor would wrongdoers be tracked c but for the majority of law-ab people it would clearly unde the central point, that insider ing was wrong and acted powerful deterrent to pot wrongdoers.

The Bill did not attempt to with wider issues of securities ket regulation but progress been made on measures annou in October 1976 to improve present combination of stat and self regulatory control an whole question of supervisio one of the issues being consi by the Wilson committee on t cial institutions.

Among miscellaneous and eral provisions, one revers court judgment (Parke v *News Ltd*) which prevented fo employees including pensi from receiving payments whe business was closed down. He sure it commanded wide suppo

Under Clause 65, minority s holders would have the righ seek a remedy where they c dered a single action was unf prejudicial to their inter whereas the present provi applied only where there w continuing course of action w was oppressive to the interes the minority and would ju winding up a company.

Fees at present charged registration of business names and for inspection of the re (Sp) were unrealistic at pr money values and were insuffi to meet the registry's admin tion costs.

The Government had two ago announced their intenti repeal the Registration of Bus Names Act as an economy. had aroused considerable op tion and, responsive as ev public opinion, they had decid retain the registry but to put a self-financing basis, as the allowed.

A new clause would be duced by the Government to the Bill's provisions to be a to Northern Ireland by a ne resolution procedure.

The Government would forward separately proposa company accounts and disc of information in a consul document early next year, other reforms, including tw boards, would be in the indu democracy legislation.

There would be a numb Acts dealing with company la they would have a consolic measure to help those dealing it.

War widows at Cenotaph

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington C) asked the Home Secretary on whose authority the War Widows' Association of Great Britain was excluded from participation in the national ceremony of remembrance at the Cenotaph; and if he would ensure that steps are taken to ensure that this decision was reversed before 1979's ceremony of remembrance.

Mr Merlyn Rees, in a written reply, said—The War Widows' Association of Great Britain made no request to me to participate in the official ceremony at the Cenotaph.

I shall, however, be considering, well in advance of next year's ceremony, whether it would be appropriate for any changes to be made in the traditional arrangements.

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BRITISH GAS

MP fails to get debate on secrets trial

Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham, West, Lab) unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate to discuss the use by the Attorney General (Mr Samuel Silkin) of his discretion in allowing prosecutions under the Official Secrets Acts in the light of the verdicts and sentences in Regina versus Berry, Campbell and Aubrey.

He said the case went to the root of press freedom and freedom of information. Three people, including two journalists, had been harassed for 20 months on charges which had resulted, in the case of the journalists, in mere conditional discharges.

The Attorney General's discretion was deliberately included in the Official Secrets Acts by Parliament as a safeguard to avoid abuse. The Attorney General had made clear in the Gouriet case, involving the Post Office, that he himself was answerable, in his discretion, not to the courts but to the House. The day after that particular case he came to the House and made a statement on his discretion.

As he has not done so today (he said), there is a strong case for this House demanding that he should.

Everyone had assumed that there would be no more prosecutions for receiving information under Section 2.

But in this case, after the Section 1 charges were dropped, the judge said the Attorney General could start or stop prosecutions.

That was (he said) an open invitation by the judge not only to drop the Section 1 charges but the Section 2 charges, too.

Commission decides the firms it investigates

It was for the Price Commission to determine which companies should be the subject of price investigation, Mr Roy Hattersley Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said.

Mr Nicholas Ridley (Cirencester and Tewkesbury, C) had inquired whether he had asked the commission to investigate prices charged by the Ford Motor Company.

Mr Ridley—Would it not be a good idea if they investigated Ford? They might find trying to stick to the Government's asinine policy has cost the company £400m which could be a justification for raising the price of Ford cars.

Mr Hattersley—Whether the Price Commission investigates a price increase in Fords, were one to come along, is a matter for them.

Mr Michael Latham (Melton, C)—If the CBI counter sanctions, like the Government's black list, were to work and Vauxhall, Chrysler and British Leyland refused to fill the gap left, is it the Government's intention to ask Toyota and Datsun to fill it? (Conservative laughter) and cheers.)

Mr Hattersley—I do not believe the CBI will be so irresponsible as to try to work against the Government's pay policy which is in the interests of the economy.

Despite some of the rather extreme things said at the CBI conference, if that is what they call it, the leadership of the CBI will be a great deal more responsible than Mr Latham gives them credit for.

Adverts aimed at children

Television advertising intended to encourage children to put pressure on their families was "a squalid operation" Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said.

He was answering Mr Gwilym Roberts (Cannock, Lab) who asked the minister to curb advertising directed against children.

Mr Roberts said: The present pre-Christmas TV advertising campaign directed at children to pressure their parents is unacceptable.

The attitude of the IBA who have refused to implement the Annam Committee recommendation that adverts in the interests of children should not be permitted up to 9 pm, is completely irresponsible.

Mr Hattersley—Advertising on TV is a matter for the Home Secretary (Mr Merlyn Rees). However I strongly share Mr Roberts's view that advertising campaigns intended to encourage children to bring pressure to bear on their families—sometimes families which cannot afford the goods offered—is a squatid operation. (Cheers.)

It is because of that I have asked the Advertising Association and the interested bodies to look at it carefully.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Social Security Bill, second reading.

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: Pensioners Payments Bill, all stages. Debate on report of EEC on common system of VAT on works of art and used goods.

Tory doubts about insider dealing proposals

Mr John Nott, Opposition spokesman on trade (St Ives, C) said the Bill probably involved the most substantial change in company law since 1948 and with qualifications, there was a great deal in it which the Opposition could welcome.

It does, however, (he said) introduce a far more prescriptive and tightly administered system, more akin to continental practice than has been the tradition of British company law up to now and for that reason will need the closest scrutiny in committee.

If they were to remain in Europe, as he favoured, or even if they were outside, there was the strongest ground for harmonization of European corporate legislation. It was irritating, however, when British practices were already soundly based, to have to change them and compromise with often less satisfactory continental practice. The benefits to free movement of capital, goods, and people were worth while, although tedious.

It was the intention of the Conservative Party to build upon aspects of the Bill when they came to office and in particular to use the Fourth Directive of the EEC as a means of introducing a new and less burdensome regime for small proprietary companies. It would also fall to them to produce a consolidation measure around the early 1980s. They would do their best to improve the statute in a constructive way.

There was an urgent need for fundamental reform in the areas of bankruptcy, receivership and liquidation. The Cork Committee was not proceeding fast and on this vital area of the law which was crucial for the settlement of many industrial problems it was not due to report until early 1980. He saw no reason why the Crown should always benefit as a preferential creditor.

There needed to be a change in the manner in which Department of Trade Inspectors conducted investigations.

Senior accountants, barristers and solicitors lived in a particular—some might say, peculiar—world of their own. They were often inappropriate persons to make ex post facto judgments on the actions of entrepreneurs.

The most publicized and difficult section of the Bill was that concerned with insider dealing. The Government had arrived at the same decision as their Conservative predecessor and intended to make it a criminal offence.

The improper use of confidential and specific information for the purpose of private gain was an abuse of trust, involved an act of dishonesty and deserved speedy and effective retribution. But the question the House had to decide, with the benefit of all the expert evidence submitted to it, was—should it be made a crime?

He was prepared to accept that it might sometimes be necessary to extend the criminal law to embrace a new ofence so long as the offence could be effectively defined.

Parliament should be cautious about creating new crimes particularly when it did so in response to political pressures and particularly when the forces of law were so fully stretched.

If it considered that a criminal deterrent might be more rather than less difficult to enforce and if there was insufficient consensus on how the crime should be defined they should pause and consider the matter carefully.

Nothing could be more foolish than to contain within the definition of a new crime acts or omissions which were clearly not crimes but perfectly legitimate means of conducting business.

He found the attitude of the Council for the Securities Industry unconvincing. For reasons that were well understood, they favoured making insider dealing a criminal offence but they said that the definition must not harm legitimate share dealing, share holding or share management. They had suggested changes to the definitions, but they were not going to promote amendments. That would be for others. Such an attitude begged all the questions since the present drafting was unacceptable to almost everyone.

If the City believed in the new extended system of voluntary regulation and intended to defend it against its critics, it must not retreat at the first whiff of political gunshot.

The arguments in favour of self-regulation backed up by civil remedies were substantial but they would look increasingly feeble if resort was made to the criminal law to meet specific offences. In this case a far more consistent approach would be to arm the CSI with statutory back up powers to cover a wider range of malpractices.

The agument in some City circles that they must accept this one from the politicians if they were to be allowed to regulate themselves was a characteristically feeble and counter-productive one.

The suggestion had been made that insider dealing was analogous to theft and that this was sufficient reason for singling it out as a criminal offence. This analogy was not useful. He could argue equally convincingly and foolishly, that socialism was theft.

MPs had a rather wider responsibility than the lawyers and accountants who had submitted their advice. They wanted to encourage wider share ownership, particularly by shop floor workers, managers and directors in their own companies and to advocate a more active interest by institutional fund managers in the management of British industry and commerce.

They wished to preserve and enhance the reputation of the securities market, to protect the general body of shareholders, and individual citizens, against dishonest men who by abusing a position of trust were gambling on a certainty for private gain and to recompense the victim and deter the would-be offender, apprehend and punish him if he was caught.

These objectives would be difficult to reconcile and the onus of making the reconciliation lay upon those who wished to change the law.

Conservative MPs would not wish to agree to a series of broadly drawn clauses as they had at present which made some of the present legitimate systems of share dealing, shareholding and share management a prima facie offence subject only to exclusion.

The committee considering the Bill should ask itself whether there was evidence to suggest that the practice of dishonest insider dealing was increasing or widespread, whether the New York, German and Swiss exchange markets had a higher reputation than the London market as a result of an array of statutory powers, and whether the SEC found it easier to obtain evidence and pursue offenders because it possessed the sanction of criminal law. He suspected the answer to those questions would be "No".

He was sceptical about whether it would prove possible to draft a criminal sanction without damaging legitimate business, not least because those close to the affairs of a company or those working in a company must always be in possession of information which exceeded that available to the general body of shareholders.

If the Government could come up with a different set of words and redraft the clause to meet the worries of the Opposition about the impact of the Bill on legitimate business the Conservatives would accept the criminal sanction and allow the proposal to go forward unhindered.

Mr John Wakeham (Maldon, C) said they should recognize that company law was not just to control and regulate, but should also promote growth and change. The Bill failed to do that. They should look at the regulations to see where the could encourage the starting of small companies.

Mr Richard Wainwright (Colne Valley, L) said it was regrettable that the Bovernment had not come up with proposals for small companies which were throughly private in ever yconceivable sence of the word.

Mr David Mitchell (Basingstoke, C) said they should seek to encourage people to set up in business. His criticism of the Bill was that it was a piecemeal addition to past legislation, failed to provide a simple separate company law for the small business, and failed to ease the burdens on the small business. The small business should be exempt from the requirements of company law.

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarvon, Pl Cymru) said the only effective way of ensuring that the interests of employees generally were given due regard was for the directo be appointed by an electoral lege in which the employees h majority of voting power.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Tees Thornaby, Lab) said that dea British registered securities people and institutions not pared to recognize Britain's di sure laws should be banned b Government. That would necessary to stop a coach horses being driven through Bill.

Mr Paul Dean (Somerset, N C)—said he doubted if it was sible for any legislation to inguish satisfactorily betwee proper use of confidential infc tion and its misuse. The roa which MPs wer esetting in thi might do more harm than goo would prefer to build on the established disciplinary proce Mr Peter viggers (Gosport, C) the Bill was another examp tinkering with company reform.

It was wrong that com "members" should be defin the shareholders and that son who had given 20 or more service should not have the to attend the annual general ing when company affairs discussed.

MPs should encourage s holding by workers but this would, perhaps, discourage

Mr Cecil Parkinson, an Oppo spokesman on trade (South fordshire, r) said the present on bankruptcy and liquid were a disgrace. They shoul wait until the 1980's for the committee report. This mean no action could be take several years after that.

The present arrangements i United Kingdom where dist tions could be made out of cu profits without necessarily pr ing for past losses was unsat torily, but the propopped arr ments seemed unnecessarily bersome regarding payment terim dividends.

Mr Clinton Davis, Under-Secr for Trade (Hackney, Ce Lab), said it had long been e lished by case law that a com couod nor normally buy its shares. The reason was that would amount to the retur capital to shareholders. The vant clause of the Bill merel stated the common law rule. In future directors would not risk in any action by shareho simply because they had taken account the interests of emplo The class basis upon which dustry in this country still r in too many situations ruinous. Too often the directo a company in trouble would a to their employees, but when company was doing well it wa longer "ours" but "mi That sort of situation needed t changed.

The Bill was read a second tim House adjourned 10.30 pm.

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A SPECIAL REPORT

SPANISH WINES

Britain swallows the quality product

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people, good is in fact syn- h Rioja; but creasing aware- ain that most attractive wines are grown in Catalonia and that inexpensive wines from regions such as Navarre and Valdepeñas are a great deal more drinkable than the anonymous branded bottle. There are Riojas and Catalan wines which can hold their own with the classified growths of Bordeaux, but perhaps the great strength of the better Spanish wines is in the medium-price range of about £2 or £2.50, where they often offer much better value and quality than comparably priced wines from other sources.

Standards of quality are controlled by a central Instituto Nacional de Denominaciones de Origen, which delegates its authority to *consejos reguladores* operating in the 24 regions of the country best known for their wines. Each *consejo regulador*, which numbers representatives both from the Ministry of Agriculture and local growers and merchants, lays down its local requirements for matters such as the boundaries of its area, cultivation and grape varieties, yield per hectare, methods of vinification, aging, alcohol content and freedom of the wine from defects and contaminants. Its regulations are policed by inspectors who pay frequent visits to vineyards and wineries.

Above average wines which meet the requirements are granted a *denominación de origen* (corresponding to the French *appellation d'origine*) printed on the label, sometimes as in the case of the Rioja, in the form of a small facsimile stamp. Without, of course, distinguishing between the relative excellence of different wines from the same area, this is a guarantee of authenticity, and samples of all wine for export are carefully checked in government laboratories.

Over the past few years perhaps the most dramatic turn in the wine trade with Spain has been the greatly increased import of the better Spanish-bottled wines from the Rioja and Catalonia. Imports from the Rioja have risen threefold during 1975-77 and from Penedés by the astonishing figure of 10 times over the same period. In terms of volume, British imports of rioja stood at 75,000 litres in 1969-70 and approached 700,000 in 1976-77.

Not so long ago the only riojas to be shipped and sold in any quantity were those from the Marqués de Riscal, the Marqués de Murrieta and the Bodegas Bilbainas, and it was difficult enough to find these. A recent count reveals that the number of different riojas (red, white and rosé) available in Britain is now well above a hundred. Most of the old-established bodegas, such as Murrieta, Riscal, López de Heredia and La Rioja Alta are now represented; and a recent addition has been Cune (Compania Vinicola del Norte de España), whose wines, among those most highly regarded by the Spaniards themselves, are now being shipped by Direct Wine Suppliers, of Harfield.

Again, in terms of large-scale imports of fine wines, the great Spanish conglomerate, Rumasa, is making its influence felt, not only by its acquisition of the famous sherry firms of Williams and Humbert and Garvey, but also by the importation of riojas from Paternina and Bodegas Franco-Españolas through firms associated with its English subsidiary, Augustus Barnett.

Concurrently, many excellent riojas from smaller bodegas are now being shipped by specialized firms. A good example is Muga, made with dedication by a small family concern and shipped by the equally dedicated Sherston Wine Company, of Malmesbury.

Catalan wines, too, are now reaching the United Kingdom in large quantity. Codorníu and Freixenet have for some time had a wide appeal as most acceptable sparkling wines made by the champagne method. Promotion of the still wines has been spearheaded by Bodegas Torres, of Penedés, another family concerned scrupulously about high quality and, with signal success, experimenting with the introduction of various varieties of French vine to the area.

A few years ago it would have been unthinkable to encounter the lesser-known Spanish regional wines in England, and this is another area in which progress is being made. Pioneers in this have been Laymont and Shaw, of Falmouth, who, among their list of some 80 wines from all over Spain, include examples from Navarre, Cariñena, Valdepeñas, Galicia and the Levante, and have successfully reintroduced a classical dessert malaga in the famous and unforgettable Solera Scholtz 1885.

If the inexpensive branded bottles have met the requirements of the undemanding wine drinker, who as often as not likes his white wine sweet, the more recondite table wines with a *denominación de origen* have established a reputation for decent quality and value—and something more in the case of the more select growths. In the face of something like an explosion in imports—promoted not least by the energy of the new Rioja Wine Information Centre, which is at the moment organizing trade tastings the length and breadth of the country—the question which must concern the *aficionado* is whether traditional standards can be maintained.

The rioja is a case in point. Expansion in the area has taken place not only in response to increased exports, but also to meet a rising demand for good quality bottled wine from domestic consumers. Numerous new bodegas, some with a capacity of more than 15 million litres, have been constructed by interests as different as the banks, the sherry firm of Pedro Domecq (which has acquired its own vineyards) and a large steel company. Even the old bodegas have traditionally bought a proportion of their grapes from small farmers, and some of the new concerns are now blending and aging cooperative-made wine rather than vinifying the grapes themselves.

Nevertheless, the requirements of the *reglamenta*, originally issued in November, 1970, such as the aging of the maturated Crianza wines for a minimum period of two years, have in no way been relaxed. Rumours to the contrary have perhaps arisen because of the recent availability in England of inexpensive *riojas sin crianza* (without aging), which may legitimately be sold and exported, provided it is made clear on the label that they are young wines.

In other regions of Spain, thanks to modern methods and the introduction of up-to-date plant, there have been significant improvements in quality. As Cyrus Redding said long ago in pointing out how nineteenth-century Spanish methods of wine-making lagged behind those of France: "With every disadvantage in the process of the making, there are both red and white wines in Spain of surpassing excellence." It is likely that technical improvements and vigilance on the part of the authorities will increase their number.

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Sherry: there is nothing like the real thing

by Julian Jeffs

Sherry is flattered by many imitators but there is nothing as good as the real thing. It is surely the most underrated wine in the world. It is a great wine, yet nearly always it is taken for granted and badly served.

Any great wine must be selected carefully and served properly. To judge sherry by the tepid thimblefuls of tired, cheap wine served in public houses is like judging the wines of Bordeaux by the cheapest bottle on the shelves of the local supermarket. It may well give pleasure, but it will not compare with a mature vintage of Château Latour.

Sherry is made from vines grown on snow-white chalk downlands in Andalusia: a landscape like that of the Berkshire Downs above Lambourn. It is this soil, and the baking hot climate, which gives the wine its unique character.

Sherry is remarkably good value—perhaps better than it has ever been. In 1961, Harveys of Bristol were selling their Luncheon Dry fino sherry for 17s a bottle. Now it costs £1.69, and less for large orders. In those days, a bottle of beaujolais 1959 cost 9s 3d. Today a bottle of Beaujolais Villages 1976 costs £2.09. Good French wines have become expensive partly because of the decline of sterling; good Spanish wines have remained reasonable, partly because the peseta too has declined. But there is no denying that with sherry you get what you pay for.

This article assumes that the reader is prepared to pay for the best—a real amontillado, not one of the cheap medium sherries that disgrace the name. The cheapest is rarely the best value, and with sherry it never is. On the other hand, beware of highly advertised artificially expensive wines aimed at a snob market; they are rarely worth it.

One of the most pleasing features of a good sherry is its fragrance. The bouquet provides one of the greatest elements of pleasure; the wine should be savoured and appreciated before it is drunk. Those awful, pieces of glassware that are often sold as sherry glasses do not give the wine a chance, especially the worst kind that go in towards the middle. The most important thing about a sherry glass is that it should be big enough, so that it will hold an adequate measure without being more than half full, and preferably less.

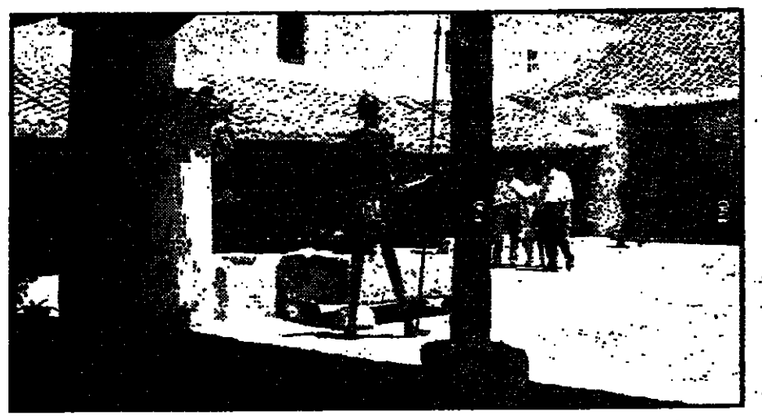
A *copita* is ideal for this; the sherry occupies a quarter or a third of it and in the space above, where the glass narrows, the bouquet collects. Shake a good sherry in such a glass beneath your nose and smell carefully. You will see what I mean. It introduces the wine for the taste buds to appreciate.

And sherry should never be served warm; if it is, the flavour is spoilt. The lightest kinds of sherry —manzanilla and fino— should always be chilled, which does not mean frozen. The other kinds are best served just a little below room temperature by keeping them, for instance, in a cool corner.

Manzanilla and fino should be completely dry. Some of the cheaper ones are not and they should be avoided. There are few things more appetizing than a glass of one of the better types, which really call for food.

In Spain, a glass of fino is always served with a *tapa*: a little morsel of food of any kind, such as a shrimp, a slice of salami, or a little bit of cheese. Nothing could be easier to do and it makes an immense difference to the pleasure. But there is no need to limit the food to a *tapa*. My favourite working luncheon is a meaty sandwich and a large glass of fino sherry. It is the least soporific of all snacks and one of the most enjoyable.

Sherry is a strong enough wine to stand up to hors d'oeuvres, even the most vinegary kind, and goes well with a variety of foods from shellfish to roast chicken. It is often the most enjoyable wine to have for lunch as well as being the cheapest.



The inn at Puerto Lápiche in La Mancha, the scene of Don Quixote's adventure with the wineskins.

Enough body for after meal drinking

Real amontillado sherries are developed from fino sherries, which are allowed to age in the wood. They can therefore never be cheap —but they are worth paying for. They have an aroma that is all their own and a great depth of flavour. They taste at their best drunk alone as aperitifs or perhaps with the soup.

Palo cortado is a rare kind of sherry—a style that stands by itself, combining some of the pleasures of amontillado and oloroso. It can be drunk in the same way as amontillado but an old wine (sometimes sold as dos cortados or tres cortados) has body enough to be enjoyed after a meal, especially after luncheon in the summer, when too sweet a wine can send you to sleep.

Although most of the oloroso sherries sold in the country (together with many of the amontillados and palo cortados) are sweetened, it is now possible to buy dry olorosos and they are well worth looking for.

There is considerable body in this wine and it is excellent as an apéritif, especially on a cold day, or drunk by itself, for instance at 11 am. The sweeter olorosos (including the best of the cream sherries) are really too sweet to be enjoyed as apéritifs; they cloy the appetite rather than stimulate it. But they are delicious dessert wines, either taken by themselves after a meal, or with fruit, dessert, or even a pudding; they round off a meal and give it a special completeness.

Manzanilla and fino do not keep in the bottle. They coarsen and lose some of their freshness. It is best to buy them from a source with a quick turnover and to drink them right away. Do not keep them for more than three months.

The other kinds of sherry keep for years in the bottle without deterioration and if they are sweet in the first place they somehow consume their sugar, becoming steadily drier and acquiring a special aroma known to all lovers of old bottled sherry; but for them to do this they should be of top quality to begin with and should be kept for at least 10 years.

It is worth laying down such wines. Once opened, sherry like other wines tends to oxidize. Certainly after two or three days the difference in a dry sherry is easily perceptible, though a sweet sherry, having less delicacy to begin with, can easily last a week or two.

Dry sherries oxidize less rapidly if they are tightly corked immediately after being poured, then kept in a cool place, such as the door of a refrigerator. And if there is real doubt the answer is to have a spare empty half-bottle and to decant half of the bottle into it immediately on opening, then cork it tightly. In that way it lasts as long as if it had never been opened.

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ANISH WINES WITH DENOMINATION OF ORIGIN

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At the same time this control constitutes a guarantee for the consumer.

'Champaña' —the sparkler which could soon lose its fizz

by Pamela Vandyke Price

Much sparkling wine is produced in Spain and much is exported, mainly to Spanish-speaking South American countries. In Catalonia, which straddles the Spanish-French frontier on the Mediterranean side, it is more usual to see a split of sparkling wine being drunk in a bar than a copita of sherry. This is partly because of the individuality of the Catalans and their justified pride in their region's wines, but it is also a convenience, because few bars seem to serve table wine by the glass or even by the bottle—and most stock quarters of *champaña*.

The use of this term, quite legitimate in Spain, will have to be abandoned if Spain becomes a member of the EEC. Although sparkling wines are produced both by pumping in carbon dioxide (recently technical advances have resulted in improvements to these) and by the "sealed vat" or Charmat method, the champagne process is followed for most *espumosos* exported, and certainly for all the best. As the champagne method ruthlessly shows up any defects in the wine to which it is applied, this indicates how good the Catalan wines are: the altitude of the vineyards of the Penedés region near Barcelona, some of which are 2,000 ft above sea level, and the light, chalky soil with some patches of sand are conducive to the production of fresh, fine wines. This northern area produces nearly 90 per cent of the Spanish sparkling wines, white grapes predominating, especially the Xarello, Macabeo and Parellada.

The development of the sparkling-wine business has been remarkable. It was only in 1872 that the first establishment making *espumoso* according to the champagne process was begun by the head of Codorníu (a family wine company since the sixteenth century). A model of the gigantic Codorníu premises at San Sadurní de Noya, the centre of the sparkling-wine business, is in the wine museum at Villafranca del Penedés, but the building has been so extended that this is already out of date.

Freixenet's latest extension, which was an incomplete building with the beginnings of a cellar in the spring of 1977, was working throughout several underground storeys by the vintage that year. The excavations alone make any visit impressive, and many companies have planned tours with multilingual guides. The establishment of the Marqués de Monistrol, at Monistrol de Noya near by, is particularly attractive both in itself and because of its setting in the midst of its own vineyards.

Companies using the champagne process — involving maturation in the bottles, shaking of the bottles to send any deposit down on to the first cork, disgorging and recorking—differentiate wines made in this way from ordinary *espumosos* by the use of the word *cava*. This implies maturation in a deep cellar and in bottles, not simply in a vat. These *cavas* are impressive; modern architecture and the most advanced scientific equipment join huge wooden casks piled high in vaulted cellars, mould-encrusted bottles binned in cellar bays taking several thousand and, outside, gardens and fountains. There are even special metal frames, holding dozens of bottles at a time, which can be rotated on a faceted base, achieving the shake and turn of the traditional *remuage* on a grand scale.

Although the various stockists of Spanish wines in Britain may carry only a few of these Spanish sparkling wines, each establishment will have a range of wines, and visitors should sample several. These will include a brute or very dry, seco — dry — and at least one semiseco to drink with a sweet dish. Most companies also make a rosado *espumoso*, tinted the skins of black gr and usually agreeable. These are also one t wines bearing vintage la I have not found thes vary much from year year, but a little age develop the characteristi the better wines, both regards bouquet and sh of flavour. Otherwise, of these bears the indivi style of its maker.

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Sherries in Britain

	Brand	Shipper	Price	Source
Manzanilla	Manzanilla	Harveys	£1.75	Harveys, Bristol and London.
	La Lidia Manzanilla	Garvey	£1.91	Adnams, Southwold, Suffolk.
		Soto	£1.95	Wines of Spain, 10-18 Victoria St, Liverpool.
	Solear Manzanilla Pasada	Barbadillo	£2.43	Hicks & Don, Coulston, Westbury, Wiltshire.
	La Gulta	Perez Marin	£2.78	Tanners, Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury.
Fino	Tio Mateo	Palomino & Vergara	£1.59	A. H. Rackham (any branch).
	Luncheon Dry	Harveys	£1.64	Harveys, Bristol and London.
	Bristol Fino	Harveys	£1.88	Harveys, Bristol and London.
	Fino	Soto	£1.95	Wines of Spain, 10-18 Victoria St, Liverpool.
	Apitiv	Sandeman	£2.11	Hedges & Butler, Regent St, London, W1.
	Tio Pepe	Gonzalez Byass	£2.20 (about)	Generally available.
	Inocente	Wilson & Valdespino	£2.25	André Simon Wines, 14 Davies St, London W1.
	La Ina	Domecq	£2.25 (about)	Widely available.
	San Patricio	Garvey	£2.45	Les Amis du Vin, 51 Chiltern St, London W1.
	Tres Palmas	De La Riva	£2.49	Christopher & Co, 4 Ormond Yard, London SW1.
Amontillado	Fine Old Amontillado	Harveys	£1.93	Harveys, Bristol and London.
	Tio Diego	Wilson & Valdespino	£2.25	André Simon Wines, 14 Davies St, London W1.
	Tio Guillermo	Garvey	£2.55	Laymont & Shaw, Falmouth, Cornwall.
	Amontillado Pasada	Avery	£2.71	Avery & Co, Perle St, Bristol.
	Palo Cortado	Cuvillo	£2.89	Laymont & Shaw, Falmouth Cornwall.
Palo Cortado	Palo Cortado	Harveys	£1.86	Harveys, Bristol and London.
	De Luxe Sherry	Sandeman	£2.58	Hedges & Butler, Regent St, London W1.
	Dos Cortados	Williams & Humbert	£3.14	Christopher & Co, 4 Ormond Yard, London SW1.
Dry Oloroso	Dry Oloroso	Lustau	£1.72	J. D. Tidby & Sons, The Arches, Abingdon St, London SE1.
	Old River	Domecq	£2.25	Greens, 34 Royal Exchange London EC3.
Sweet Oloroso	Bristol Supreme	Avery & Co	£2.25	Avery & Co, Perle St, Bristol.
	Aniversario-Solera 1879	El Vino's	£3.30	El Vino's, 47 Fleet St, London EC4.
Cream Sherry	Armada Cream	Sandeman	£2.20	Hedges & Butler, Regent St, London W1.

Old wine in new bottles

by Colin Price Beech

Many a wine-lover must have wondered what it would be like to taste an old claret. A rich man may even have enjoyed the rare privilege of doing so.

But for a taste close to that of a really old wine he should try a Rioja Riserva. The cost is substantially lower and it is more readily obtainable.

After sherry, which is in any case fortified, rioja must unquestionably be Spain's best-known wine and, despite the fact that the three major zones of production lie almost a hundred miles south of the Pyrenees, roughly a third of the way between Atlantic Bilbao and Mediterranean Barcelona, there are still a number of similarities between contemporary practices in the bodegas of Haro and Logrono and what may have happened in the *chais* and cellars of many a Bordeaux *négociant* in the 1860s.

Indeed after the phylloxera louse scoured and savaged the best vineyards in the Médoc towards the end of the nineteenth century a number of French wine-growers moved south to relocate themselves in and about the valley of the Ebro river and the Rio Oja.

Being good Frenchmen they soon settled down in a region where they could feel at home with the vine and so began producing wines that were in no way classifiable bordeaux and burgundies—this they could never do since the location, the soil, the grapes and the climate were all different—but wines which were nevertheless recognizably similar in finish and style. Traditions die hard, particularly in Spain and even today the similarities of this earlier French connexion are something rather more than just another item of local history.

Now that practically all classic French wines have priced themselves beyond the range of the British palate this close similarity is something that British wine-lovers can be grateful for.



Haro, the centre of the famous Rioja wine region, north of Madrid.

> Casks nearly as important as the grapes

Wood in general, and oak casks in particular, play almost as important a part in the makeup of a typical rioja as do the grapes from which the unfermented juice has been crushed. Almost all rioja wines, both red and white, are kept in wood, often in 225 litre casks for at least two to three years in the case of the lesser wines and for a minimum of five or six for those that are judged to be of reserve quality. This process of aging which, more than anything else, is responsible for making riojas what they are, is known as *crianza*.

All riojan wines are blended in the bodegas and with certain rare exceptions the date of the vintage or *cosecha*, as it is called in Spain, should not be taken too literally. It is instead better to regard it rather more as a guideline than a definite affirmation of age and this it must be admitted can sometimes lead to a degree of confusion. However, moves are now afoot to bring this time-honoured practice under somewhat firmer control and there is a good chance that most of the leading producer/exporters' post-1970 vintages really will be what their labels proclaim them to be.

Red riojan wines are now made up from three to four main grape varietals all of which are grown in a free-standing and somewhat bushy form. The robust and early harvested Tempranillo is indigenous to Spain and is beginning to attract interest in many other parts of the world. It is the predominant strain and flourishes particularly well in the Rioja Alta. It is often responsible for up to 75 per cent of the initial blend. Garnacho is rather more international, it is known in France as the Grenache and has a fairly high alcohol content; the Graciano lends freshness and flavour to the wine and Mazuelo is usually included for its acidity.

White grapes are mostly produced in the largest of the production zones, in the drier and more equable climate of Rioja Baja. As recent tastings have shown contrary to popular belief Rioja can often produce some surprisingly good dry white wines, that are certainly more than just acorn juice, and the grapes that are responsible here include the almost ubiquitous Mediterranean Malvasia which can also be encountered in Southern France, Italy, Portugal and Greece and the slightly higher strength and high-yielding Viura.

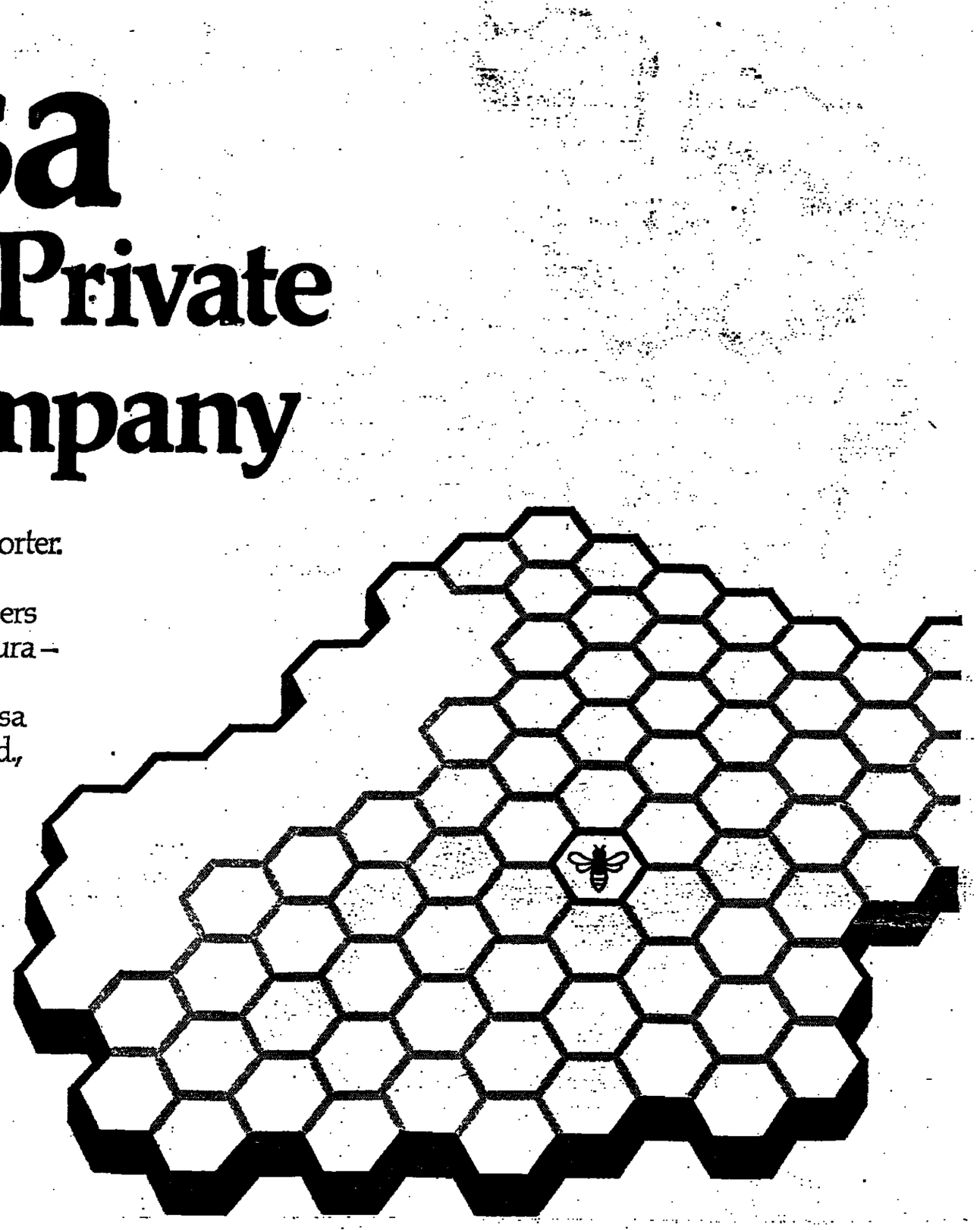
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which begins about 30 miles south of Córdoba, and extends to about 100 miles west of Málaga. The Jerez vineyards are about 140 miles away and cover 23,000 hectares; those of Montilla cover about 20,000 hectares.

Although small quantities of wines for export were made from Montilla as long ago as the eighteenth century, it is only in the past 14 years that exports have increased significantly, especially to Britain, Holland, Germany, Denmark and Belgium.

Montillans are proud of their ancient tradition of viticulture, which can be traced back through old records and archaeological finds to the time of the Roman occupation. Cruz-Conde, one of the older bodegas, treasures a beautiful second-century mosaic head of Bacchus.

A most intriguing sight for the visitor to the bodegas are the *tinajas*, great clay containers shaped like Ali Baba's pots, each holding about 7,000 litres of must, and in which fermentation begins.

They are similar to the ancient Roman jars, called *dolium*—the only other receptacle which is equally picturesque is the pottery *tinaja* used in the Valdepenas region for table wines. After spending about two months in these, the wines are then pumped into oak butts, and matured according to the *solera* system, as in Jerez.

The area has one of the hottest summer climates in Spain. The soil there is chalky and is planted almost entirely with the Pedro Ximenez grape, cultivated in the Jerez region mainly for use in blending sweeter wines. Both in Jerez and

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Catalan) and San Sadurni de Noya. There the rolling, vine-covered hills proclaim the *denominación de Penedes*, logically divided into Bajo Penedes, Penedes Central and Alto Penedes. The highest areas are used for white wine production, but the two main towns are in Penedes Central.

The vineyards are generally well kept and are planted with an eye to maximum use of machinery. Pareliada, Xarello and Macabeo are the white grape varieties, and Cariñena, Ojo de Liebre, Monastrell, Garnacha and Samso the reds. There is no irrigation, a fact which some producers regret, but the climate is not one of great extremes.

Classic vinification methods with much use of oak casks exist alongside temperature-controlled vats and centrifuges—the result is a happy blend of traditional and tried knowledge with modern technology to prevent and eliminate faults. *Denominación* rules were overhauled in 1976 and are strict. They cover yield, pressing, minimum aging times and the numbering of bottles. All wines aspiring to the equivalent of *appellation contrôlée* of Penedes have to be bottled in the area of production (as in Alsace).

It would be impossible to talk about Penedes wines without involving the ubiquitous Torres family. Señor Miguel Torres was trained at the oenology faculty of Dijon University and has a suitably non-chauvinistic attitude to wine-making. He has even imported grape varieties from other countries, such as Pinot Noir, Reisling, Gewurztraminer, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon, and is making small quantities of wine from them.

The Gran Coronas Black Label 1970, largely Cabernet Sauvignon, recently came out at the top of a worldwide blind tasting of this grape variety, and the delicious, flowery Viña Esmeralda 1977 is a judicious marriage of Muscat d'Alsace and Gewurztraminer. The Viña Santa Digna 1971, with a good proportion of Pinot Noir, is a lighter wine.

The Torres brand leaders are white Viña Sol (the Gran Viña Sol has 20 per cent Chardonnay and is worth the extra money), Gran Coronas and Tres Torres (as an undying opponent of bull-fighting, I prefer this name to the *sousnom* of Sangredetoro). The reds all have about two years in wood, with the strong vanillary aroma that that gives, but the whites do not have wood-aging.

Another house to look out for in Penedes is the Marqués de Monistrol, again a family firm. The offices and *bodegas* form a gleaming white village in the middle of the vines, with three floors of cellars descending deep and cool beneath the surface.

The white wines are perhaps less earthy than at Torres, and I would thoroughly recommend the Vin Nature Blanc de Blancs—rather like a Coteaux-Champenois, with the cork held in place by an agraffe (hooked clasp), the dry Blanco Reserva Especial, and the medium sweet Blanco Suave. The Tinto Reserva Especial is well made, and the "now for something completely different" wine is a Tinto Abocado—a medium sweet red that, when chilled, can go well with oily food.

I have also liked Masia Bach wines, and feel that as long as Penedes can continue to deliver such quality at between £2 and £2.50 retail, we will all mature happily together.

Priorato is a *denominación* within a *denominación*—in this case, Tarragona (rather as Château Grillet is to Condrieu in the northern Rhone). Only about 50,000 hectolitres of Priorato are made each year on the steep slopes, and the wines to search out are the dark, dry red wines. But the whole range of colours and tastes is covered by the *denominación* including the untempting Rancio seco and dulce. But much red Priorato, with its high alcohol strength, colour and body, goes into the "aging zone" of Tarragona.

Much blending wine is produced in Tarragona, and becomes brand names in the United Kingdom (Rocamar is one). Bulk exports are the order of the day there, rather than bottle sales, and pipelines run direct to the quayside to be pumped into tankers. This has to be seen in the national context—in 1977 only 15 per cent of the five million hectolitres exported from Spain were in bottle, but during 1978 this percentage will increase considerably.

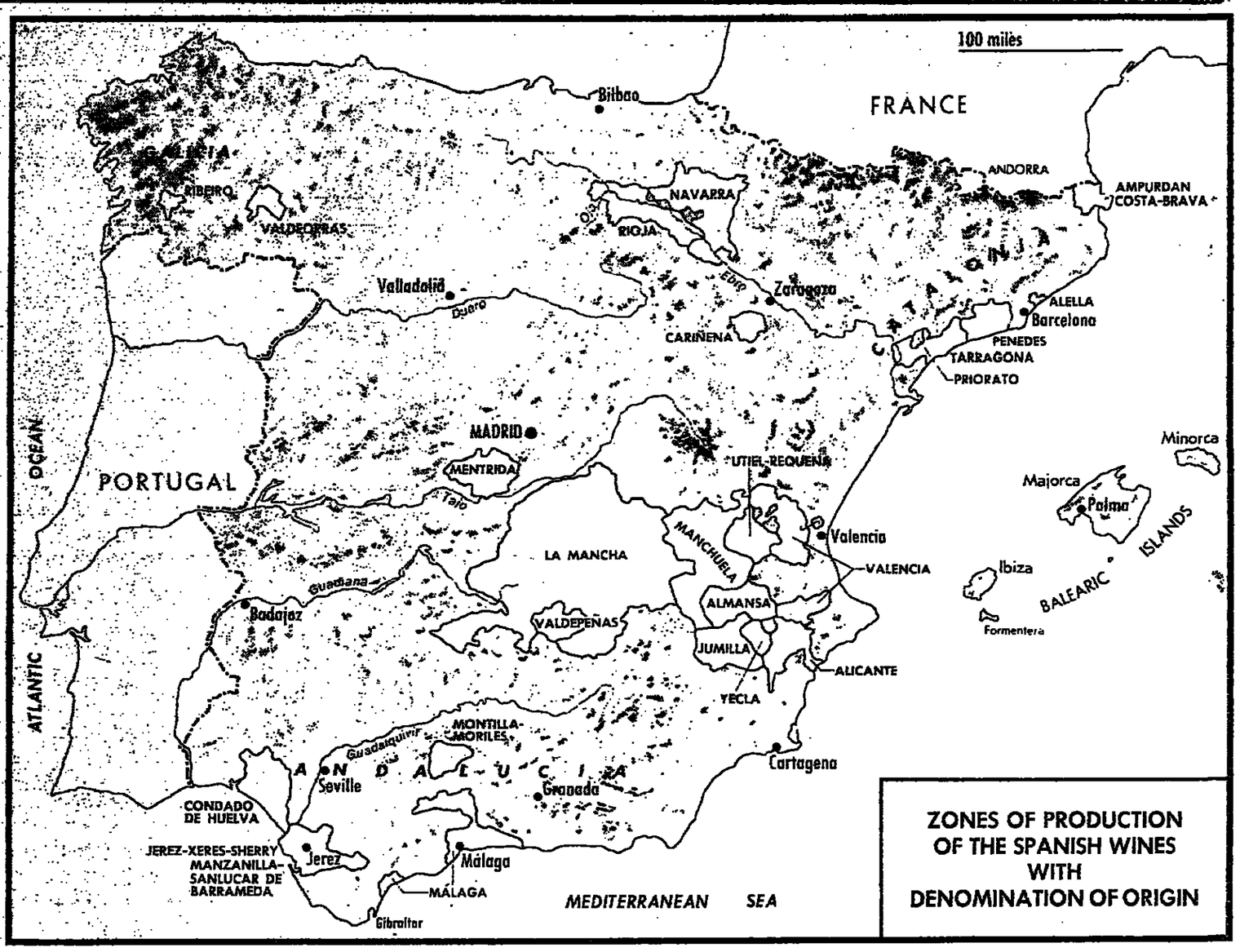
Many commercial sangrias so popular in the United States are bottled in Tarragona, although this taste has not travelled so well to the United Kingdom, where *aficionados* tend to enjoy making their own. Chartreuse is made in Tarragona as well as at Voiron near La Grande Chartreuse itself. The dessert wine of Tarragano no longer enjoys Edwardian-style popularity, but whether it is fortified or not, it can be a treat in small glassfuls and some age beautifully.

Alella is a small *denominación* just to the north of Barcelona. The best-known wines come from the co-operative and are sold under the name of Marfil (ivory). The blanco is sweet, although light-textured, but the seco is more "French" in style. The reds are well-balanced and not too heavy.

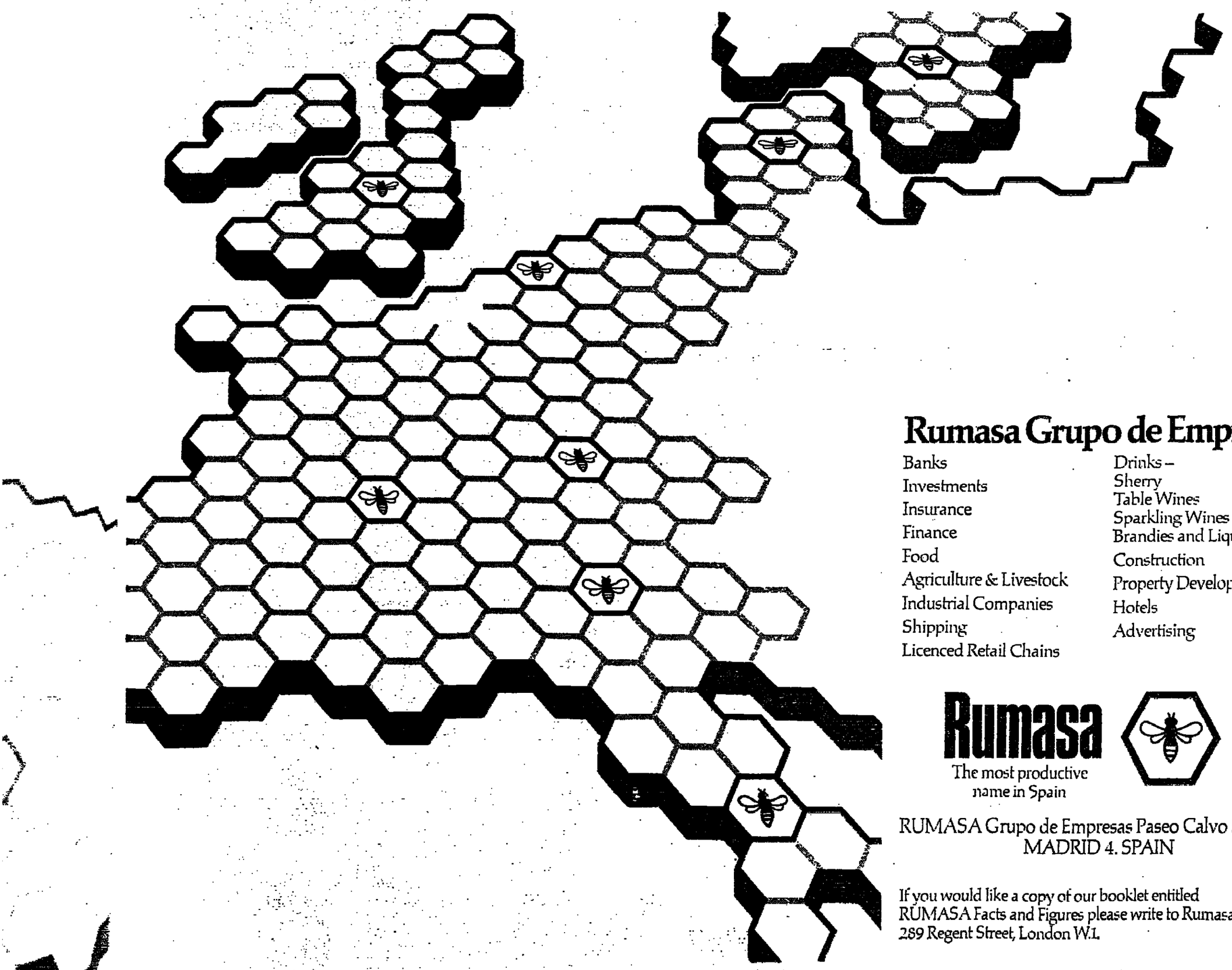
Everything tends to taste good under the warm May sun at Sitges over a plate of seafood, but Catalonian wines have certainly passed the "fog test" and travelled across the Channel and the Atlantic. As the Catalans say in farewell: "*Y ahora tienes un amigo*". I think they mean the wine as much as themselves.

Some stockists of Catalonian wines are :
Laymont and Shaw, Falmouth, Cornwall.
Wines of Spain (Liverpool), The Fruit Exchange, Victoria Street, Liverpool 2.
Lay & Wheeler, Culver Street, Colchester, Essex.
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A fiesta for each month of the year

by Harry Debelius

Theoretically it is possible to attend non-stop wine festivals in Spain for more than six weeks at a time, but the man or woman with the stamina and the liver to put that theory into practice will surely go down in the *Guinness Book of Records*.

Actually there is a fiesta related to wine somewhere in Spain nearly every month of the year, but in late August and September—when the grape harvest takes place in most parts of the country — Bacchus holds sway everywhere.

The first of the better-known wine districts to start celebrating is Requena, near Valencia, on the east coast, where a fountain in one of the main squares spouts wine, free for anyone with a thirst. The locals, fuelled by their heady red wine, manage to stay on their feet, or on someone else's, for two weeks.

Before that binge ends, our record-breaking man would have to weave his way to Los Santos de Maimona, in the western region of Extremadura, for a few long sips of the prized wines grown in the chalky white soil there, before drifting eastward to Montilla in Cordoba, to take in a bull-fight and a few litres of the aromatic wines of Moriles and Montilla.

The dates probably would not really matter much to him by this time, but he should next try to soak up a bit of Valdepeñas.

There, in Don Quixote's old stamping grounds of La Mancha, he should take in the crowning of the queen of the *vendimia*, or wine harvest, while he takes in a sufficient quantity of the light red wines which made the town famous. If he does not understand the poems read out at the literary contest, extolling the virtues of the wine, it can be explained charitably by the fact that he does not understand the language.

By then he should be flying, to Barcelona that is, to absorb the effervescent atmosphere at San Sadurni de Noya, the home of most of Spain's bubbly, where he can see an exhibit of things related to the wine industry, if he can still see.

Regrettably he will have to pass up the opportunity to savour the local product in a dozen or more other Spanish towns during their fiestas, if he expects to reach Jerez in time for the *Fiesta de la Vendimia* there, in the land of sherry. This festival, lasting about a week and always falling about the time of the feast of the local patron, San Gines, in early September, is the most elaborate, most elegant and most exclusive of all Spanish wine celebrations, as befits the world-renowned wines from this district.

The *Fiesta de la Vendimia* in Jerez, artfully orchestrated in all its aspects, some of them theatrical—like the blessing of the grapes in front of the fifteenth-century Colegiata Church on the final morning—by the lively Señor Alberto Duran Tejera, aged 82, the sherry district's fair commissioner, is a week-long excuse for the Jerezanos to pay idolatrous homage to the three things for which they are justly famous—their wine, their horses and their women, as they will tell you.

Considering that the sherry growers export 20 million imperial gallons or more of their wines every year, it is always a gratifying surprise to find out how much of the good stuff they have left over to pour out generously at the annual festival in honour of their wine.

Getting back to the horses and women; Jerezanos mean no slight to their mates or their mounts and there seems to be no dearth of either of them in Jerez. But numerically the wine has to come first, because there are some 100 million imperial gallons of wine aging in the many *bodegas* of Jerez and the other two major towns of the district, Puerto de Santa Maria and Sanlucar de Barrameda—and that is a lot more than the number of fillies.

Sherry exporters seize the opportunity of the annual festival to throw private parties in their vast, cathedral-like *bodegas* for 200 or 300 guests at a time—all seated and properly served by white-jacketed waiters. During that mad week of celebrations in honour of the new crop of liquid sunshine, they tell themselves that such lavish hospitality can be justified as a promotional expense.

Maybe, but anyone who has observed the frenetic pace and the generous hospitality at the *Vendimia* in Jerez is bound to come away with the impression that the people of Jerez would have their autumn fling just for the enjoyment, even if they were barred from ever exporting another drop.

Since sherry is a well-known world traveller (exported to more than 100 countries), the people of Jerez dedicate their *Vendimia* to a different country or region every year.

The first to be honoured was the perennial best customer, Britain. The latest to be honoured was California, the land which furnished the phylloxera-resistant vine which saved the European wine industry from collapse at the time of the great phylloxera plague in the early days of this century.

Anyone planning to go to the *Vendimia* in Jerez should either book early or else have an invitation from one of the sherry growers, since the attractive town of Jerez is as short on hotel beds as it is long on charm. On the other hand, *Vendimia*-goers do not go to bed much.

Full of spirit, our record-breaking man will have to hurry in order to get to Olite in the northern province of Navarra in time to have a drink during the week-long wine festival there, and, if he thinks he sees a bull running loose in the streets after sampling a few glasses of the delicious local red wine, he should believe his eyes and get out of the way. As in the famous San Fermin fiestas in Pamplona in July, the Navarrans have a habit of mixing bulls and bottles in the streets.

After a bit of refreshment, he should move on to Logrono nearby, for more merrymaking and a few more *copas* of the highly appreciated wines of the Rioja district, whose reds especially are considered excellent table wines.

If he tarries too long there, however, he will miss the flamenco dancing at La Palma del Condado in the south-western province of Huelva.

There he can be assured that his system will not act up if he has a bit of the tasty 20° whites, because he can see for himself how the wine is properly blessed.

Finally, in order to sample the wines he missed by not taking in the fiestas of the other major Spanish wine districts, he had better stagger back to Madrid, where there is a wine fair at the Casa de Campo park at the end of September or early October.

In any case, even the record-man would have to repeat his feat in order to do justice to Spanish wine festivals. There are other festivals that simply cannot be missed, such as the ones at Cariñena, a small district which makes up in quality for what it lacks in quantity, or Valladolid, from whose earth come some of Spain's most expensive wines, or Yecla, the land of distinctive reds and rosés.

Every palate catered for, from connoisseur to quaffer

by Jan Read



Delivering grapes to a country cooperative in the Levante, the area south of the Ebro which prod distinctive "earthy" type of wine.

In terms of table wines, Spain is best-known for rioja and, increasingly, for the often excellent still and sparkling wines of Catalonia. But there is almost no part of the country, apart from the high mountain ranges and the coastal regions of the north-west, which does not grow vines and make wine—much of it in cooperatives for local consumption.

Many of these regional wines conform to a *denominación de origen*; others, particularly some interesting growths from the Extremadura, along the frontier with Portugal, do not. When on holiday in Spain it is always worth sampling the local wine; and the government-run *paradores* make a point of serving the inexpensive and acceptable carafe.

Of Spanish wines little known in Britain, Vega Sicilia and Valbuena from vineyards bordering the Duero river east of Valladolid are in a class of their own and are perhaps the best red wines from Spain (I would say that their strongest contender is Murrieta's *reserva* Castillo Ygay).

Vega Sicilia, with its cigar-box flavour and deep bouquet, is made in a bodega resembling a small French château, from a mixture of native and Bordeaux grapes, introduced after the phylloxera epidemic of the late nineteenth century and still propagated in its nurseries. They are crushed very lightly, and there is no further pressing.

Jesus Anadón, the *bodeguero*, believes in fermenting and maturing his wine very slowly in oak, and no Vega Sicilia is sold less than 10 years old. It is expensive and difficult to find even in Spain, where supplies to the best hotels and restaurants are rationed; but strictly limited quantities are available in Britain at about £10 a bottle from Laymont & Shaw, of Falmouth, or Vintage Wines, of Nottingham.

The red wines from Navarra have something in common with those from the Rioja, which it borders to the east, and are sometimes made from the same grapes: the Garnacho, Tempranillo, Graciano and Mazuelo. A name to look out for is the Vinicola Navarra, whose full-bodied and fruity five-year-old Castillo de Tiebas (from Laymont & Shaw) is excellent value at £1.79.

The best bodega in Navarra is that of the Señorio de Sarria, which produces *reserves* up to rioja standards, not yet available in England, but shortly to be shipped. Like Vega Sicilia, which is owned by a Venezuelan millionaire, the bodega of the Señorio started as a rich man's hobby and belongs to the Huarte family, with interests in building and construction—but there is nothing amateurish about its model winery with a capacity of 6,000 *barricas*, its vineyards which produce all the grapes for the wines, or its cooperage which makes the casks from Armagnac oak.

Along the whole length of the often wet north coast, only one wine is made, the Basque chacoli. It is an astringent, slightly *pétillant* "green wine" of only 8° to 9° strength, available in two varieties, red and white, and should be drunk young, on the spot and cold. The Vizcainos drink it quickly—*ha de tomarse de golpe*. You will have difficulty in finding it except in bars, but with the superb shellfish of the Cantabrian coast it can, at its steely best, be pleasant.

Galicia, in the far north-west, produces a vast amount of wine despite its generally wet climate. Most of it is consumed locally or by Galician expatriates in Madrid; but recent imports from Laymont & Shaw are the Valdeorras tinto, dark red, well-balanced and bone dry, and the accompanying dry and fragrant white from the Bodega Cooperativa El Barco. Both are a good buy at about £1.70.

To try the more typical *pétillant* wine from the region, made like the Portuguese *vinhas verdes* by malo-lactic fermentation from grapes grown on high-growing vines, you will have to visit Galicia. Among the choicest, made from the Alvariño grape and by no means inexpensive, is the Fefiñanes Palacio made by the Marqués de Figueroa in a tiny bodega housed in his splendid palace. This and other Alvariños may be sampled in the *parador* at Fefiñanes near Pontevedra or at an annual festival held in this pleasant little seaside town during August.

To the south-west of Galicia, but still in the northern half of the country, the ancient kingdom of Léon produces both red and white wines. Its full-bodied *sangre de toro* (bull's blood) was the favourite tipple of the dons at Salamanca University; and the Tierra del Vino nearer Valladolid has long been famous for rueda, a golden, *flor*-growing wine of up to 17° strength with a sherry-like flavour.

Dry white from Léon being shipped

The Marqués de Riscal is now making and shipping an agreeable dry white wine (though not in the same style) made with grapes grown in the Rueda area, and the Planta de Elaboración y Embotellado de Vinos—somewhat unfortunately abbreviated as Vile, but equipped with the most modern machinery—is making a range of wines, whose freshness and delicacy must surprise anyone used to the old robust *caldos* of the region.

At around £1.60 from Alistair Nugent Vintner, of Godalming, the attractive white and rosé, both light and dry, are excellent value, as is the red Catedral de Léon, somewhat akin to Valdeorras in its astringency. Vile also makes *reserves* with a hint of oak and a more pronounced aftertaste and bouquet.

Somewhat similar in style to the red wine from Toro is the demarcated cariñena, sometimes available in this country (for example, the Marqués de Villalonga from Laymont & Shaw at £1.78). The most popular mark in Spain, widely available in litre bottles, is that of the Cooperativa San Valero, situated south of Saragossa. Not particularly delicate and often used for blending with less heady growths, cariñena red, white and rosé, is nevertheless a reliable standby for everyday drinking.

In terms of bulk the great plateau of La Mancha, south of Madrid and the scene of Don Quixote's adventures, is the most prolific of Spanish wine-growing areas. This huge region, comprising the demarcated areas of Mentrida, Mancha, Manchuela and Valdepeñas, with its seas of vines stretching unbroken to the horizon, supplies most parts of Spain that do not produce wine themselves.

It also ships vast amounts for blending and export and provides much of the spirit used for Spanish brandy and anisette. Most of the often excellent carafe wine drunk in Madrid hails from Valdepeñas, in the south, bordering Andalucia. The best of its red wines are clean, dry and surprisingly fresh considering their high alcohol content.

It is a wine with a long and honourable history. Sancho Panza said of it: "I drink it when I have the taste and also when they give it to me and I do not, so as not to seem offhand or bad-mannered"; the Emperor Charles V was so addicted to it that he had it transported across Europe on mule-back during his campaigns in the Low Countries.

The 10ft-high earthenware *tinajas* in which the wine is vinified and matured also have an association with Don Quixote, since the clay from which they are made was traditionally dug at Toboso, birthplace of Dulcinea.

That most knowledgeable nineteenth-century traveller, Richard Ford, held the wines in high esteem and described how they must be transported in "double quarter sherry casks" to act as "a preventive guard, against gimlets, straws, and other ingenious contrivances for extracting the vinous contents". A typical Valdepeñas, fresh, soft, but not lacking in acidity, may be obtained from Ellis Son & Vidler, of Warwick Square, London SW1.

The Levante, bordering La Mancha to the east and stretching along the Mediterranean coast from the Ebro delta in the north to Almeria in the south, is a scarcely less prolific source of wine for everyday consumption and blending. In areas such as Valencia the rich, loamy soil and prolonged summer heat militate against delicacy in the wines, which tend to be "earthy" and on the heavy side.

Try the lighter *claretes* from Utiel-Requena in the hills to the west of Valencia on the rim of the central plateau. These run to 11° to 12° of alcohol, or as little as 10° in a wet year, and are well-balanced *vinos corrientes*, highly praised by Vicente Blasco Ibañez—who wrote a novel entitled *La Bodega* as well as his better-known *Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*.

The cooperative-made yecla and jumilla from the hinterland of Alicante are sound and pleasant wines. Yecla, a traditional heavy-weight, is now a much improved and lighter wine—the dry, faintly flowery white is to be recommended as well as the red—and is remarkably good value at about £1.50 from Laymont & Shaw.

The Extremadura, one of the hottest parts of Spain, produces seas of undemarcated wine on a commercial scale, and the crowded bodegas of Almendralejo are hardly less numero those of Valdepeñas. better in quality, th red medellín—fro birthplace of Hernár —might well merit t tion of an English But the best of th tremadura wines are tiny peasant bodeg are not generally a Cañamero is a *flor*-wine in the style o and may be sample *Parador* at Guadalup the big surprise is a made montánchez—c red wine in my exper grow a *flor*. It may tained in the bars of a town that should b by anyone interes Roman remains.

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Oysters, asparagus soup and Montilla

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Montilla, Pedro Ximenez is used to make a certain amount of very sweet dessert wine.

Those wishing to experience these can now find them in Britain; they are listed by Wine City, George Street, London W1, at £1.79 and come from the Perez Barquero bodega. The same company is doing good business with a budget priced montilla, Dos Reinos, which sells at £1.15. The Extra Dry is a very pale platinum blonde, clean, and extremely light. The medium Dry is more earthy, deep amber, and pleasant. The cream is dark topaz and very rich.

Although in Spain you may find Montilla labelled according to the styles fino, amontillado, oloroso, palo cortado, raya and Pedro Ximenez, the use of the first three terms in Britain is replaced by fine dry, medium dry and cream (sometimes golden).

One of the biggest groups of Montilla bodegas now exporting to Britain produces the Albero range, which costs £1.25 at Oddbins. The fine dry is flowery, pale straw gold and rather nutty; the medium deeper gold, with fragrant bouquet and well on the sweet side. The cream is deep amber, with ruby glints, and very rich. Peter Dominic was one of the first big enterprises to list Montilla, and its El Prado range sells at £1.35. The fine dry is brisker, with more bite than a lot of the others—medium is rather fruity.

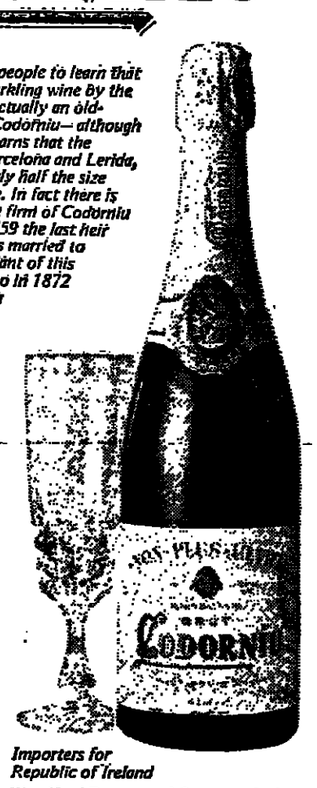
There is a very sweet, rosy amber golden, and a very well-made grapy cream style. Imported Wines' Montilla range, called Mötre Verde, includes a rather "leafy" soft dry, a fairly sweet medium, and a distinctly voluptuous cream style.

In London recently I talked to Señor Francisco Casas, of the Bodegas Camacho in Montilla. His Don Candido wines are now being shipped by Viniberia, of Scala Street, London W1, and include a particularly attractive extra dry which is very elegant and smooth, and a soft, pleasant medium dry. They sell for £1.35 to £1.40. He tells me that their best customer is Holland, followed by Britain, the United States and Germany.

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At Hermitage Wine Cellars, near Primrose Hill, you can top up your empties from a cask for sound every-day drinking at well under £1 a bottle. The wine in question happens to be young Tuscan, but I imagine that custom would scarcely be less regular if it were Tarragona.

As it is, run-of-the-mill Spanish wine tends to be bought by the single bottle from multiple shops, food chains or supermarkets. Despite its popularity at parties, it is not the sort of stuff you normally order by the case. Some concession to discounts is made in the pence-saving sizes of one-and-a-half and two litres, the latter being equal to nearly three bottles.

Many blended brands are proud enough to flaunt their Spanish provenance. Thus Grants of St James's Don Cortez is stoutly displayed in Victoria Wine shops. Unwin stocks Sordo Lopez; Rawlings Voigt sells El Perron and Saccone & Speed sells Rocamar through its Arthur Cooper outlets. And Thresher branches, with Stowell of Chelsea, sell the evocative Corrida.

Augustus Barnett markets the rather obscurely named Gran Verdad, from La Mancha. (Perhaps someone has already patented the soubriquet Don Quixote?) Other retailers are happy enough to present their product without esoteric names, but simply as "so-and-so's Spanish".

For many months my mainstay was MacFisheries' Spanish red. But that was largely because I was too lazy to shop around. Many of the big high street shopping chains have their own blend, and it is a matter of every man to his own taste. (Every women, to be precise, since most wine is bought by the housewife at this level of operation.) You will soon find which brand best suits your taste. They will all suit your pocket.

A third possibility is that, like M Jourdain, you may find yourself drinking Spanish wine without your knowing it. Some of the most successful branded wines are made to a standard formula of style and flavour, on the principle that people like what they know. Paying homage to popular prejudice, such products usually affect a French (or at least an Italian) name.

And the wines that go into the blend may indeed stem from Languedoc or Lombardy. On the other hand they may not. The ingredients may even vary from year to year, according to the economic wind, and it is the skill of the blender at the bench that ensures the consistency of taste.

For instance, Hirondelle sweet white is listed in the Spanish section of *Shaw's Wine Guide*. So is Morgan Furze's Carafino red. For their frankly Spanish range Peter Dominic chose the title La Vista.

Whatever a wine's nom-de-plume, EEC regulations now require that the small print should reveal the true country of origin. There seems small point, in practice, in calling a Spanish wine by any other name. Spain has overtones at least as romantic as those of latter-day France.

Bristolian lettering on pubs announces Spanish wines by the glass. It may be only Spanish wine that is robust enough to withstand the average barman's handling, and is cheap enough to show an easy profit. But the intention is to persuade the public that Spanish wine is as rich and rare as any spice from old Cathay.

The public relations men could be right. Such today is the reputation of workaday Spanish wine compared with that of its French counterpart, a bottle identified as "produce of France" might well sell better as "Costa Little" than as "Lot Supérieur".

In this heresy I am encouraged by one of our most eminent claret-fanciers. It was Harry Waugh, I believe, who when pestered with the question "have you ever mistaken a bordeaux for a burgundy"? came up with the reply "Not since lunch". A sign of the times, then, when this wordly-wise director of Château Latour lends the authority of his name to 10 *corriente* wines exported by a Spanish company called Exsol—among them Yuntero, red, white and pink from the Cooperativa Manzanares, south-east of Madrid.

Most Spanish *ordinaires* remain unrivalled value, consistently reliable. They have intensity of flavour, an earthiness, particularly welcome in the roses. Their impact on the palate is perhaps more strong than long; but who cares, when the whole point is how well a tumblerful assists with the food.

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and time, insisted Tio Manolo, for the first *copita* of the day. "I've loved wine all my life, and eternally grateful that it saved my life too." He was gravely ill when he was four months old and doctors told his parents he had only a few days to live. Fortunately his mother decided to give him a spoonful of sherry, and "since I appeared to relish it she repeated the dose for several weeks".

He made a complete recovery, and, as he writes in his book, "sherry has continued to be my favourite medicine". He still takes a first token spoonful of old sherry every morning, and generally several *copitas* before lunch. The first—as is the custom in Jerez—will be a full-bodied dry oloroso, Alfonso, followed by some well-chilled fino, Tio Pepe.

Tio Manolo's office in the nineteenth century part of the bodega is comfortable—not at all grand, with antique mahogany furniture, black and white tiled floor, bookcases and tables filled with mementoes, and a small part of his extensive, multi-lingual library. "My greatest sadness is that my sight has failed since an accident 10 years ago, I can no longer read, and that was one of my greatest pleasures." Tall, grey-haired, and elegant, he sits very straight-backed at his desk, overlooked by a framed scroll of his KBE—"which delights me very much"—and a more modest award, from listeners to the local radio station, who elected him *jerezanisimo*.

The sternest face among the family portraits there is that of his father. "He was a wonderful fellow—I thought he was a slave driver at the time. But I revere his memory now—he made a man of me", he says. Tio Manolo was one of 13 children—his mother, a Gordon, came from a Scottish family who settled near Jerez, and when we met he was wearing the Gordon tie. He had six brothers and six sisters—"I am the only survivor—the only sample left, and I am also the only surviving grandchild of the firm's founder", he told me.

Tio Manolo recalled his early education at a Jesuit school a few miles away at Puerto de Santa Maria. "We were never allowed out for holidays, or even day trips, between October and June. It was like a prison. My mother used to drive from Jerez in a carriage and pair to visit me, and often leave in tears."

From the age of 11, when he went home, his father took him into the sample room, to start teaching him to taste wine—"which as children we always drank in small quantities at meal times". When he was scheduled to leave school Tio Manolo told his father he wanted to follow him into the business. "I was very upset when he refused—my elder brother was already there, and he said he did not want two of us."

So he decided he would become an engineer—"I already felt we must eventually mechanize a lot of processes in our bodegas". Today, at the age of 92, he still talks enthusiastically about the latest innovations and revolutionary design of his firm's most recently built bodegas. "I am not worried about modernization—we must move with the times—but it is very important to make wine with love and respect."

Tio Manolo's early studies were in Germany, followed by a memorable six months working as a navvy on the Clyde. "I earned 3s 4d a week, and my father sent me £1 a week for my keep. It was hard going at first, Tio Manolo recalls: "I spoke English fluently, because we always had English nannies, but I could not understand my fellow workers—they spoke Gaelic". Learning to make ends meet then, he considers, was a most important part of his training for later life.

"We worked so hard there was little time for anything else, and not much to do. My only advantage came from the cases of sherry I used to get from my family—I think sharing them made me more popular."

In the early part of the century, Tio Manolo went to South America to work on the building of railways in Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Bolivia and Chile—"Those were pioneer days, and pretty rough going", he recalls. He made a second trip to Chile in 1911, where he became director of the project to build the Longitudinal Railway of 840km, which took three years. —"Fascinating work—I enjoyed it enormously."

When he returned to Spain he continued to work on engineering projects, and did not enter the family firm until 1924. Ten years later, he was one of the most active members of the trade in setting up the Consejo Regulador, the body which controls sherry production, when the first written constitution governing this was drawn up. "I have always been most concerned that the name of our wine should be protected—in the past it was too freely used by many imitators", he comments. He was also a principal witness in the famous "Sherry Case" in Britain in 1967. "We considered the judgment very fair", he says.

In an era when many middle-aged men complain of fatigue and long for early retirement, Tio Manolo has no desire to give up work. After a good breakfast he goes daily to Mass with his wife. "We have been married for 57 years—she is now 80, and very lively—and a very good cook. I married her after being in love with 32 other girls—from the age of seven." They have four children, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Tio Manolo usually goes to his office at 11 am, and stays until about 3 pm, dealing with letters, attending meetings, and receiving a large number of visitors—many are impromptu callers. "If our work people have problems, they discuss them with me—I am available at any time. On Sundays, if any of them are sick, I like to go and visit them."

Once a month—"The day I enjoy most, and it is never tiring"—Tio Manolo does a tasting of 37 wines, from the youngest to the mature sherries being sold. "Although most of our senses decline as we grow old, the sense of smell and the palate often remain intact. I believe my practice of tasting wine, which goes back nearly 80 years, has helped to prolong my life."

Occasionally, he says, he finds he is not in form when tasting. "In that case, I stop, and do it all over again the next day." He gives this advice to aspiring tasters: "Cultivate your sense of smell, and do not believe that a love of drinking wine means study of wine." With characteristic modesty, he adds: "The more I think I know, the less I know."

Summing up, Tio Manolo says: "I have had a wonderful life, the luck to have good health, and I'm not ready to peg out yet." The most important things in life have been, for him: "The opposite sex, sincere friendship, religion and wine."



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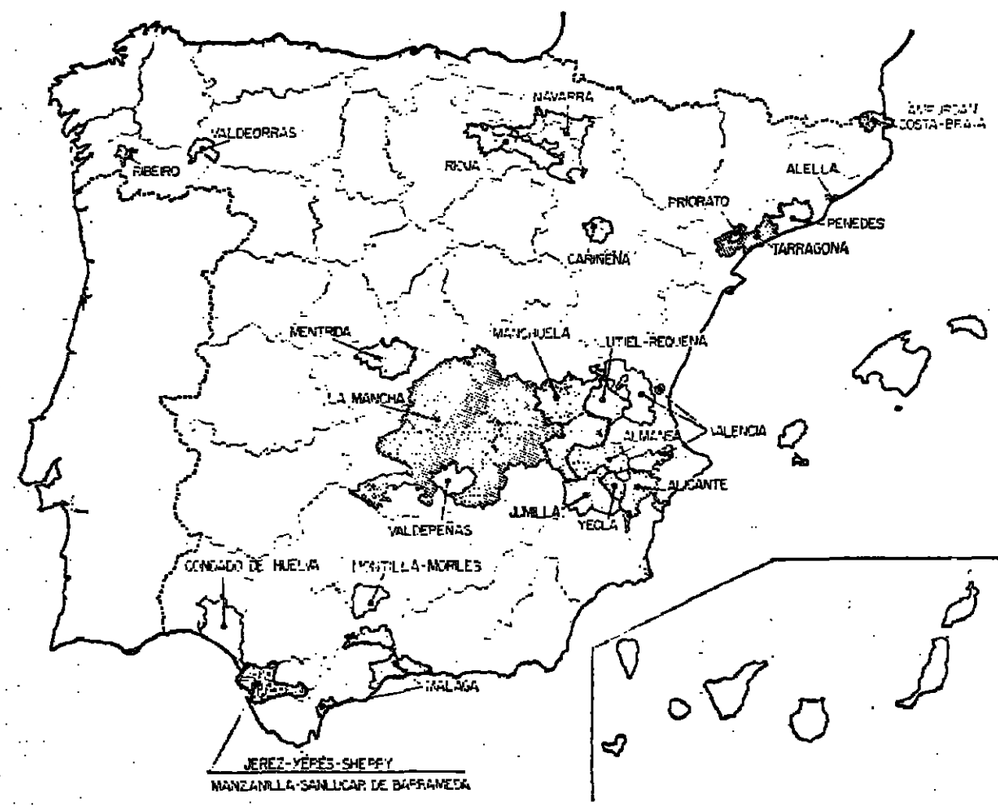
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Football

Sir Harold ready for Revie after vote of confidence by FA

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

Professor Sir Harold Thompson, the chairman of the Football Association, was yesterday given a vote of confidence by his colleagues despite earlier intimations that he was likely to be asked to answer criticism of his alleged suggestions that a member of the FA Council was leaking information to the press. As a result of the unanimous decision taken before yesterday's council's meeting, Sir Harold will still be in a position of power when Don Revie the former England manager, appears before the FA next month.

Mr Revie has been given leave to reply to a charge that he brought the game into disrepute by his resignation in July of last year. At the same commission on December 18 Alan Ball, the former England player who is now with Southampton, will be given a hearing concerning allegations he made against Mr Revie in a recently published book. The allegations concerned payments when Ball was a player at Blackpool.

After Mr Revie resigned to become director of football in the United Arab Emirates last year the Football Association debarred him from any connexion with football in England until he returned to explain the manner of his leaving. Mr Revie maintains that he intends completing his three-year contract in Dubai and is only interested in clearing his name, not returning to England. However, one cannot help but feel that when his contract expires in two years time his intentions may change. Even with the suspension lifted it could be a matter of searching for a club willing to receive him on the basis of his record with Leeds United rather than his controversial time with England.

For the moment Mr Revie may have mixed feelings about the opportunity to support his actions in the summer of 1977 now that he knows Sir Harold will probably be facing him. The chairman was not amused by Mr Revie's contortions and clearly the FA are prepared for a long, searching discussion with the former manager and with Ball because a whole day has been set aside. Ted Croker, the secretary of the FA, said: "I do not know if a decision will be reached".

The possibility of Sir Harold himself being asked to answer a charge of bringing the game into disrepute quickly dissolved yesterday. Douglas Gootchild of the Berkshire and Buckinghamshire FA, had written to senior officials of the FA criticising Sir Harold's behaviour at a council meeting last summer. However, at Lancaster Gate yesterday Sir Harold soon received the support of the officials.

Also at yesterday's meeting the council decided not to take action on the issue of Tommy Doherty's admission of dishonesty in the High Court, at least until Mr Doherty's club, Derby County, make their own decision, probably at a board meeting on Thursday.

Mr Croker said: "It was agreed that the question of the future of Mr Doherty at Derby was at this time a domestic issue and any decision would have to be made by Derby County Football Club."

Mr Croker added that in due course the council would take a note of transcripts from the High Court case and then decide whether to take any further action in respect of possible breaches of FA rules and regulations. Last week Mr Doherty withdrew his libel action against Willie Morgan, a former Manchester United player, and Granada Television after admitting he told "a pack of lies", Derby County then suspended him seven days.

Bowles banned: Stan Bowles, the Queen's Park Rangers player, has been suspended for three matches from today by an FA disciplinary committee, Exchange Telegraph report. Bowles will miss matches against Derby County, Bolton Wanderers and Coventry City.

The FA Council yesterday agreed to set up a committee to consider assaults on referees by spectators.

BBC await advice on possible legal action

By Kenneth Gosling

The BBC, which is challenging London Weekend Television's agreement with the Football League entitling it to exclusive coverage of league football over the next three years, is expected to be advised by Counsel today whether it has grounds for legal action over the £5m deal which was formally completed yesterday. Whether the deal will be referred to the Monopolies Commission depends on inquiries being made by the Director-General of Fair Trading, Gordon Borrie.

Ted Croker, secretary of the Football Association, said yesterday that in his view no television company had an absolute right to screen the FA Cup Final. London Weekend have said they will seek to show the final exclusively after next year. The final could be offered as part of a package to either ITV or BBC when the present agreement between all three expires next May. The new FA deal would go out to the highest tender and European matches could also be part of the package.

Although the Football League approved the London Weekend deal, it was pointed out yesterday that Alan Hardaker, the league secretary, wrote in his book, *Hardaker of the League*, that clubs which suggested privately to him that the television bodies should be played against each other could not understand that football needed both the BBC and the IBA—"because if one side backed out then the other would be in a dangerously strong position".

He also wrote: "The survivors would be able to offer us what they wanted on a take-it-or-leave-it basis and that would be much less than £1m a year."

The BBC said last night that its director-general, Ian Trethowan, had written to his Independent Broadcasting Authority counterpart, Sir Brian Young, "in connexion with the London Weekend Television manoeuvre". The contents of the letter were not being made public as Sir Brian had not yet replied to it.

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Cricket



Always in the action: Botham (left) takes the catch that dismissed Rixon

Exuberant Botham bounces back

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Sydney, Nov 20

It has not taken Ian Botham long to give a reminder of his match-winning powers. With five wickets for 51 runs in New South Wales's second innings he helped the England touring team gain their opening first class victory here today by 10 wickets and with 70 minutes to spare.

Without Botham I doubt whether the match would have been won. With him the match against South Australia a fortnight ago would probably not have been lost, such is his knack of getting hold of a game and shaking it.

His sheer strength has a lot to do with this. He is built more like a lifesaver from Bondi Beach than a cricketer from England. So was Keith Miller, who played a lot of his cricket in Sydney and still lives here. I am not saying that Botham is as good an all-rounder as Miller was, or anything like, but he has the same physical advantages and they would both have made splendid pirates.

Toohey was looking perfectly capable of playing a long innings this morning when Botham had him caught at first slip. By lunch, Botham had taken two more wickets, Johnston also being caught at slip, mistiming a hook, and Border at the wicket. When, soon afterwards, Hughes, a left-hander, was bowled by a lovely ball from Edmunds, and Clews was very well run out by Gower from mid-on, New South Wales were 124 for six and falling fast.

Had Gooch caught Rixon at slip off Miller, as soon as he came in, the chances are it would have been all over by tea. It was a simple chance, and on recent evidence it was unlike Gooch to drop it. In the event, Hilditch and Rixon added 49 for the seventh wicket before Rixon was caught at short leg off bat and pad.

At tea, New South Wales were 18 runs behind with three wickets left; these they lost to the new ball, taken at 191 for seven. Botham, still bursting with energy, caused Hilditch to play on and he then bowled Hourn, a genuine "rabbit" in a day when there are not many of these about. Lawson was well caught, low down at mid-on, by Miller off Willis.

Having been made captain of New South Wales this year—at 20 he is the youngest of the state captains—and after an unsuccessful opening game against Western Australia, Hilditch was in need of runs, and in his innings of 93 he set a watchful example to his side. He is not an exciting player, but he got his head down and except when sweeping he played straight. It was the sweep which brought him most of his runs. First in and eighth out, he batted for five hours and a half.

While Botham was under the shower, delighted to be back on the road, Boycott was being subjected to a brief barrage from Lawson which suggested that New South Wales considered the Englishmen to have bowled at least short enough. So they had. With only two runs needed to win Lawson did not have long to make his point—but he managed it well enough to incur a warning from Tom Brooks, Australia's best-known umpire, for underpitching.

Of the five balls that Lawson bowled, the second, third and fourth were bouncers, whereupon Brooks intervened. The next, which was also short, if not quite a bouncer, flew over the slips for four off the handle of Boycott's bat. When Lawson fills out—he, too, is only 20—he should become a name to be reckoned with.

The match won, the England party flew up to Brisbane, where the first Test starts on Friday week. Edmonds, who strained an ankle in Canberra last week, is just about fit again; so is Old, until he gets his next niggle. Botham, who had not played for over two months, is no more than "a little stiff". Although I am nothing like as confident as the bookmakers seem to be that England will win the coming series in a canter, Botham's resounding return can only improve their chances.

NEW SOUTH WALES: First innings 163 (J. Dyson 67, G. Miller 4—56).

Second Innings	
J. Dyson, c Gooch, b Willis	6
*A. M. Hilditch, b Botham	93
P. M. Toohey, c Gooch, b Botham	30
A. R. Border, c Taylor, b Botham	13
D. A. H. Johnston, c Gooch, b Botham	3
G. C. Hughes, b Emburey	11
M. L. Clews, run out	5
†R. J. Rixon, c Botham, b Emburey	5
G. G. Watson, not out	24
G. F. Lawson, c Miller, b Willis	14
D. W. Hourn, b Botham	0
Extras (b 6, l-b 4, w 1, n-b 4)	15
Total	210

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—18, 2—87, 3—89, 4—97, 5—119, 6—124, 7—173, 8—192, 9—209.

BOWLING: Willis, 15—3—59—2; Botham, 17.2—6—51—5; Hendrick, 4—1—9—0; Emburey, 22—5—34—2; Miller, 24—6—56—0; Gooch, 1—0—1—0.

ENGLAND XI: First innings 374 (D. W. Randall 110, G. R. Gooch 66).

Second Innings	
G. Boycott, not out	4
G. A. Gooch, not out	0
Total (0 wkt)	4

BOWLING: Lawson, 0.5—0—4—0.

Rugby Union

England shuffle pac and restore Uttley

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

In naming their side to meet New Zealand at Twickenham on Saturday, England's rugby selectors have sprung a couple of surprises. They have switched Barry Nelmes from loose to right head prop in place of the injured Fran Cotton and named another Cardiff player, John Scott—last season's regular number eight—to partner his captain, Bill Beaumont, at lock. The return of Roger Uttley at number eight, the recall of Robin Cowling at loose head, the choice of Dusty Hare at full back and a first cap for Tony Bond, the Sale centre were easier to predict.

The selectors have made a drastic revision o fthair resources at forward. Nigel Horton probably would have been recalled at lock had he come up trumps for the Midlands against the All Blacks last Saturday. But he did not, and it is clear that the selectors did not think that Maurice Colclough, another exile in France, had done enough for London Counties against the touring side to expunge the memories of his pale performance for an England XV against Argentina.

So Colclough, who succeeded Horton after the clash game in February, yields his place to a man now returning to what has always been thought to be his best position. Scott was a regular lock forward in Devon, and then for Rossiyn Park and England under-23 in Canada, before his translation into a number eight. Considering his inexperience in that position, he served England creditably but his form there for Cardiff this season—as well as for England's XV against the Pumas—has been less impressive and there seemed no way he could hold the position once Uttley had proved his fitness.

It remains to be seen how Scott copes with Andy Haden at the lineout, and Nelmes, effective in the loose play, may owe his sixth cap as much as anything to the undoubted physical presence he can bring to this area.

Will Dickinson, the Richmond right head, who scrummaged so effectively for the Midlands on Saturday, must think himself unlucky—and he is not named as a reserve either. But there is no denying that, as propos go at the highest level these days, he is on the small side. The All Blacks front row technically may not be an especially outstanding combination, but they are all large men.

It is not so long ago tha rugby career appeared finished. His return, for cap at the age of 29, is to his own determinatio as to Terry Moule, the therapist who sorted out troubles. Needless to say considerable boost to strength. It also mea England have the three l wards who played toge seasons ago.

Tony Neary is the unl yet again. The chosen tri rather short of pace ov Michael Rafter looked lo order for the South a West last week.

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Barnwell is out to 'stop the rot'

John Barnwell was appointed the new manager of struggling Wolverhampton Wanderers yesterday. He has signed a three-year contract with the club and he said his first job would be to "stop the rot at Molineux".

Barnwell, who turned down a lucrative American offer to take over Wolves, said he would be running the club his way: "Everyone at Molineux knows how I feel. They know the rules. If they don't want to do it my way then I don't want them."

He said he did not want any talk of relegation at the club: "There is no point in thinking about our position in the league. We must think about winning the league. We do have an incredible battle to fight here and my target has got to be one point in every game."

Barnwell, who spent 18 months as manager of Peterborough United, said he felt the Wolverhampton job was obviously too big for one person and in the coming days he would give thought to appointing his own management team.

He will be talking to Steven Daley, who has expressed a desire to leave the club.

Wiliam Hails, who has been in charge of Peterborough for the last 10 days, was appointed manager of the third division club

Strikers add to City's other worries

Tony Book, the Manchester City manager, will not announce his side until late today when the team arrive in Milan for their Uefa Cup tie against AC Milan in the San Siro Stadium tomorrow.

City had to draw up hasty arrangements to fly to Geneva after the ground staff at Milan Airport called a 24-hour strike to start today. City have injury problems, Bell and Viljoen are both having treatment and Owen is banned for the next five European matches.

Arsenal are confident that Stapleton will be fit to continue his ever-present run this season when they play their Uefa Cup third round first leg match against Red Star in Belgrade tomorrow. Stapleton twisted a knee in the 2—2 draw with Everton on Saturday and had it strapped but after receiving treatment was given the go-ahead. Brian McDermott, a 17-year-old apprentice, has been added to the party as a precaution. Walford is likely to fill Brady's role.

Tony Brown flew out with the rest of the West Bromwich Albion team to Spain yesterday knowing he had only a 50-50 chance of being fit enough to face Valencia. Brown aggravated a groin injury during Saturday's win at Bolton. Regis and Statham could be fit.

Goalkeeper who saved £½m

Gary Bailey and Tom Sloan, the Manchester United youngsters who made their first league appearances against Ipswich Town on Saturday, hold their places for the match against Everton at Goodison Park today. Although Macari is again fit, Dave Sexton, the manager, keeps Sloan, aged 19, in midfield. Bailey is again in goal as United are not now signing Blyth, of Coventry City.

United considered Coventry's proposal for a down payment and instalments as a safeguard against Blyth having further back trouble; but they were not prepared to come to an agreement because of the insurance problem. Bailey may thus have saved the club £440,000.

Mr Sexton said: "Gary did very well under very difficult conditions and he has earned another first-team chance." Macari will be on the substitutes' bench.

Blyth will play for Coventry City reserves at Blackpool today. It will be his fifth consecutive Central League match to test his complete recovery from his back injury.

The Blanchflower reward for consistency

Moreland, a Derby County midfield player, and Caskey, a striker, are in Northern Ireland's party for next week's European championship tie against Bulgaria in Sofia. This is a reward for consistent performances since joining Derby two months ago from Glentoran, an Irish League club, for a £100,000 double transfer fee.

PARTY: P. Jennings (Arsenal), J. Platt (Cardiff City), P. Rice (Arsenal), J. Nicholl (Manchester United), A. Hunter (Ipswich Town, captain), C. Nicholl (Southampton), S. Nelson (Arsenal), V. Moreland (Derby County), M. O'Neill (Nottingham Forest), D. McCreery (Manchester United), S. McIlroy (Manchester United), C. Hamilton (Swindon Town), T. Cochrane (Middlesbrough), C. McGrath (Manchester United), D. Spence (Blackpool), G. Armstrong (Tottenham Hotspur), W. Caskey (Derby County), T. Anderson (Peterborough United).

Queensland decide to drop Thomson

Brisbane, Nov 20.—The Queensland selectors surprisingly omitted the pace bowler, Jeffrey Thomson, from the team to play England here in the match starting on Friday.

Instead they chose a young bowler, George Brabon, to fill the gap caused by the absence of the regular opening bowler, Denis Schuller, who has a back injury and John Maguire's unavailability because of his studies.

The opening batsman, Mark Gaskell, has been dropped after failures in two Sheffield Shield games this season, his place going to the all-rounder, John Buchanan.

TEAM (from): J. McLean (captain), M. Walters, J. Buchanan, D. Ogilvie, G. Foster, P. Carlson, T. Hohns, G. Whyte, W. Broad, J. Beham, G. Brabon, G. Dymock.—Reuter.

Shackleton and Spencer join list of umpires

Derek Shackleton, whose seam bowling earned him a proud place in Hampshire's history, and the former Leicestershire pacebowler, Terry Spencer, are newcomers on the list of 24 first class umpires.

They replace Jack Crapp, aged 66, who served Gloucestershire as a player for 20 years, and the former Lancashire all-rounder, Eddie Phillipson, aged 68, who have both passed the normal retirement age and are not reappointed.

Between them they completed 53 years of umpiring service with Phillipson joining the list in 1956 and Crapp being appointed a year later. Between them the stood in 16 tests.

Two other new umpires are John Griffiths, who bowled slow left arm for Gloucestershire in the 1950s, and Derek Dennis, who makes the progression from minor counties cricket.

The panel for the four England-India Tests were all used in last year's series against Pakistan and New Zealand—Harold Bird, David Constant, Barry Meyer and Ken Palmer.

LIST: W. E. Alley, R. Aspinall, H. D. Bird, W. L. Budd, D. J. Constant, C. Cook, D. J. Dennis, D. L. Evans, J. V. C. Griffiths, D. J. Halfyard, A. Jepson, P. Julian, J. G. Langridge, B. J. Meyer, D. O. Oslear, K. E. Palmer, C. G. Pepper, A. E. G. Rhodes, D. Shackleton, C. T. Spencer, J. Spencer, J. van Geloven, A. G. T. Whitehead, P. B. Wight. Test panel: Bird, Budd, Constant, Evans, Langridge, Meyer, Palmer, Whitehead.

Badminton

Random drug tests will be held at All-England event

By Richard Streeton

Random drug tests on badminton players will be held for the first time in the game's history at the All-England championships next March. It will be a condition of entry that players agree to being checked for artificial stimulants after their matches. The possibility of testing for body-building drugs in future years is also being considered by the Badminton Association of England (BAE).

Drug-taking in Badminton may seem inconceivable to the thousands who enjoy the game at their local church hall. Some of the more widely-travelled European players, however, have been convinced for ages that stimulants have occasionally been taken during lengthy matches by some Asian competitors.

The five-minute rest period before a third set, introduced three years ago, may have facilitated the practice. It is a common sight in some countries to see a wilting player rushed to the secrecy of the dressing-room by a bevy of handlers during the break and return with energy to burn.

There is nothing in Badminton regulations dealing with drug-taking and the BAE will now ask the International Badminton Federation (IBF) to introduce rules on the subject. For the time being the BAE will follow Olympic guidelines on stimulants with the help of the detection unit set up at Chelsea College by the Sports Council.

The BAE admit that their new move can only have a deterrent effect. Two urine samples will be taken from the players tested. A weakness of the scheme is that it will take 48 hours to confirm a player's guilt, as the second sample is only tested if the first proves unsatisfactory.

Purely to gain practical experience of holding the tests, the BAE intend to take samples from some players at the tournament at Bracknell on December 15 and 16, the fourth in the grand prix series being sponsored this season by John Laing.

England's Thomas Cup side against Belgium in Brussels tomorrow is unchanged from the team that beat Scotland 9—0.

Tennis

Mission Hills awaits the English tea s

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Palm Springs, Nov 20

The circus is leaving town but the tents are staying up. The Colgate series championships are over. Chris Evert won the singles and Billie Jean King and Martina Navratilova the doubles. But nothing much will change for a while at the Mission Hills Country Club except that the women have moved out and the men will soon be moving in. The marquees, the stands and the television lights will remain where they are, in readiness for the Davis Cup final between the United States and Britain, to be played here from December 8 to 10.

Dennis Ralston, the resident professional, says that the existing stadium can accommodate 5,000 people and that almost 3,000 more seats can be installed if advance ticket sales justify it. Barry MacKay, who will be tournament director for the final, says that more than 250 people from Britain have already arranged to come here. He expects that figure to double. Britain will also be supported by compatriots who live in Palm Springs. The response of United States enthusiasts is less predictable. "A lot of American fans are not up to date on how tough the British are", MacKay says. "The fact that they beat Australia is often overlooked".

During the final the press tent will be stocked with British beer and tea will be served daily at 4 pm. At that time of day the sun and the temperature will both be going down—the latter sharply. During practice Britain must accustom themselves to the transition from warmth and daylight to cold, floodlit evenings. Play will start at 11 am on two days, 1 o'clock on the other, and unless either captain objects it is intended that every day's programme will be played to a finish. This almost certainly means that during two singles matches there will be a striking variation in playing conditions.

The worst feature of the Colgate championships was that the women had to play in the evenings on four days out of six, which could and should have been avoided. Yesterday Mrs King and Miss Navratilova, who have been beaten only twice this year, played solid and smart doubles to defeat Kerry Reid and Wendy Turnbull, 6—3, 6—4. The Australians are Wimbledon champions, but have never beaten Mrs King and Miss Navratilova, champions United States. The Austra chances in the second their opponents were so the rallies that mattered.

It would not be fair Palm Springs without pr experimental singles fo vised by the Women' Association and boldly ac Colgate. For two days it split the eight players groups which then we play-off matches. The and final rounds were the conventional way. T produced an ultimate order from one to eig Evert, Miss Navratilova, Wade, Virginia Ruzic Stove, Mrs Reid, Miss and Regina Marsikova.

Miss Wade finished both singles and doubles, £13,500, but was doubt soled by a £32,500 bonu earlier achievements on circuit. The bonus syste more or less, that leadi are paid twice for the

SINGLES: Semi-final roun Evert (US) beat Miss S (GB), 6—2, 6—4; Miss ova (US) beat Miss Romania), 6—3, 6—4. Evert beat Miss Navratilova 6 DOUBLES: Final: Miss N (US) and Miss Navratilova K. Reid (Australia) and Turnbull, 6—3, 6—4.

Motor rallying

Ford Escorts keep up their challenge

By Peter Waymark

Markku Alen, a 27-year-old Finn, in a Lancia Stratos, led the Lombard-RAC rally last night, with Hannu Mikkola in a Ford Escort just pushing the German, Walter Rohrl (Fiat) into third place. There was little to separate the leading drivers and with most of the fancied names performing consistently, the event was wide-open.

Pentti Airikkala (Vauxhall Chevette) revved up to fourth place after an incident early in the day when the car went straight on at a hairpin bend during a special stage near Doncaster and bounced off a concrete post. Airikkala recovered so quickly that he lost only 10 seconds.

The Ford Escorts despite fears of being under-prepared because of the strike which has closed the company's factories, maintained their strong challenge. Bjorn Waldegaard, last year's winner, was going well in fifth place despite skidding into a tree, and two other Escort drivers, Roger Clark and Russell Brookes were the leading Britons in sixth and seventh.

But, Ford lost one of the favourites for the event when Ari Vatanen was disqualified yesterday morning for failing to check in at time control.

LEADING POSITIONS (after 24 stages): 1, M. Alen (Lancia), 99min 47sec; 2, H. Mikkola (Escort), 100:32; 3, W. Rohrl (Fiat), 100:57; 4, P. Airikkala (Chevette), 102:02; 5, B. Waldegaard (Escort), 102:07; 6, R. Clark (Escort), 102:17; 7, R. Brookes (Escort), 103:53; 8, G. Elsmore (Escort), 104:47; 9, A. Kullang (Opel Kadett), 105:36; 10, M. Wilson (Escort), 103:48.

Hockey

Britain finish strongly almost to snatch Olympic double

From Sydney Friskin
Lahore, Nov 20

Britain 1	Australia 1

With three points gathered from two matches, Britain have a reasonable credit balance in the Champions Trophy hockey tournament at the Gaddafi Stadium here. After beating New Zealand, the Olympic champions, on Saturday, they drew today with Australia, the runners-up, in a match which, despite its rich quality, produced only two goals from short corners, the first by Britain.

A draw was a fair result, but there were moments, towards the end particularly, when Britain could have won. Terry Moessinger, the Australian manager, said he was satisfied with the result because he thought that the match against Britain was certain to be a hard struggle. But Don McWatters, Australia's coach, did not agree. He thought that they should have won. "Our field play was good", he said. "What we have to do is to create more opportunities". He said nothing of the number they had missed.

Roger Self, Britain's manager, also thought that his team should have won, but admitted that Australia had better team understanding, which was the result of their being more experienced. He thought that Britain were still a little wanting in fitness, which accounted for their fall in pressure during the second half. He was happy that they were able to come back strongly towards the end.

Cotton, the British captain, was shown a yellow card, indicating temporary suspension, for hitting the ball away at an Australian free hit; and Foulkes, one of his colleagues, and Trevor Smith, of Australia, received green warning cards after clashing as a result of the generally tight marking and fierce tackling.

The heat of the afternoon did not deter both sides from setting up a fast pace. Australia's running looked more spectacular, but the usual assurance was lacking in their trapping and passing, which often led to a breakdown in rhythm. Cooke was not as accurate as he usually is with his striking from short corners and left this task, in the end, to Irvine.

For Britain, Taylor had another superb game in goal and was the buster of the two custodians. Brookeman looked the best of the front runners because he had more freedom. Gregg having been closely marked after he had given the Australian defence an early taste of his stickwork and acceleration. The defence as a whole were sound and quick with their tackling. Westcott in the middle line having a particularly good game.

Australia's shooting power has dwindled since Charlesworth, one of the world's best centre-forwards, decided at the last minute to stay at home and concentrate on cricket. Dick, who played centre-forward today, missed an early chance by putting his shot wide of the target with only Taylor to bear. That was a costly miss, for Britain went ahead soon after in the twenty-fifth minute with Cattrall converting a short corner awarded for obstruction.

One of Australia's best moves, launched soon after, ended with Browning hitting over the top, and just before the interval Taylor made a great save off Cooke from a short corner. Cooke was less accurate with his shot from a similar award in the first minute of the second half, but managed to find the target in the twentieth minute to put the teams on equal terms.

Faulty hand-stopping then denied both sides a chance of winning the match from short corners. First Cotton fumbled for Britain, and Irvine, preparing for a shot soon after at the other end, was frustrated by an awkwardly bouncing ball.

BRITAIN: I. C. B. Taylor; R. Cattrall, R. B. Williams; P. Barber, B. J. Cotton (captain); J. E. C. Foulkes; D. G. Westcott, H. D. Williams, R. N. Brookeman, T. A. Gregg, J. L. Duthie (sub, C. Sutherland).

AUSTRALIA: W. Greene; J. Irvine (captain), I. Cooke, D. Bell, T. Smith, G. Sayers, G. Browning, S. Colledge, R. Dick, M. Poole, S. Smith.

Umpires: C. Seidler (West Germany) and K. Jamaspain (Iran).

Pakistan 3	Spain 1

Pakistan put themselves at the head of the table with four points by beating Spain later in the day. Although Pakistan were much too fast and skilful, the Spanish defenders broke up a number of their assaults by swift tackling. Pakistan themselves missed numerous chances.

Manzoor Hassan scored for Pakistan from a short corner late in the first half and Spain drew level early in the second, with Coghen converting a penalty stroke. Akhtar Rasool, from a penalty stroke, and Islahuddin, from a pass by Hanif, scored again for Pakistan.

Modern pentathlon

One-day competition may set new endurance level

By Michael Coleman

In a year when five-year-olds have run marathons, the established dogmas on the limits of man's endurance will almost certainly need further revision after the first one-day modern pentathlon contest between 12 picked competitors at the National Sports Centre, Crystal Palace, on Sunday, December 3. Weather permitting, all five sports (pistol shooting, epée fencing, riding, swimming and running) will take place in the centre between 7.30 am and 3 pm.

The concept of a one-day pentathlon has been in circulation for some time. Based as the sport is on the qualities required of a diplomatic courier delivering his message under every adversity, it seems logical to link the five disciplines together. Cussons, the soap manufacturers, have come forward with a £10,000 sponsorship and the officials of the Modern Pentathlon Association of Great Britain will organize the event.

Only half an hour will separate each competition. Both Britons selected, Nigel Clark and Danny Nightingale, are good runners but even their legs ought to be buckling racing the four-kilometre hilly sports centre circuit so soon after the 300 metre sprint in the pool.

The field is the toughest available and includes the first five from the world championships at Jönköping, Pavel Ledney (USSR), Janusz Pyciak-Peciak (Poland), Neil Glenesk (USA), Daniele Masala (Italy) and Norbert Kuhn (West Germany). None of the competitors is thought likely to cheat through drugs, which would be counter-productive: a depressant taken to steady nerves before the shooting, for example, would harm reflexes in the fencing.

Woodward moves

Alan Woodward, the Sheffield United striker, is to join the North American League side Tulsa Roughnecks for £30,000. He holds the United scoring record with over 160 league goals.

Today's fixtures

FIRST DIVISION: Kick-off 7.30 unless stated. Birmingham City v Bolton Wanderers; Bristol City v Wolverhampton Wanderers; Coventry City v Derby County; Everton v Manchester United; Ipswich Town v Middlesbrough; Southampton v Aston Villa.

SECOND DIVISION: Brighton v Millwall (7.45); Charlton Athletic v Luton Town; Crystal Palace v Sheffield United; Fulham v West Ham United; Notts Co v Barnsley; Orient v Blackburn; Preston North End v Sunderland.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Boreham Wood v Kingstonian; Dulwich Hamlet v Sutton United; Hendon v Woking; Wycombe Wanderers v Staines Town. First division: Chesham United v Wembley; Maidenhead United v Wokingham Town.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Cup: Third round replay; Premier division: Banbury v Atherstone; Barnet v Bath; Dartford v Redditch. First division: North: Milton Keynes v Burton Albion; Wellingborough v Bedworth. South: Basingstoke v Salisbury.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Barrow v Workington.

RUGBY UNION: Tour match: Combined Services v New Zealanders (Aldershot, 2.30).

CLUB MATCH: Gloucester v Aberavon (7.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE: BBC floodlit competition: Second round: Hull Kingston Rovers v Widnes.

Football results

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Cup: Third round: Bedford 3, Gravesend 0.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Bishops Stortford 1, Ilford 0; Harrow Borough 3, Clapton 0.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Lancing 2, Forest 1.

RUGBY UNION: Schools matches: King's, Canterbury 4 Pts, 0, Sixth XV 7, St Peter's, York 14, Durham School 15.

Criticism could serve as spur to the Services

By Richard Streeton

The New Zealanders have what seems likely to prove one of the less arduous games of their 18-match tour today when they play the Combined Services at Aldershot (2.30). No more than six of the probable All Blacks team against England next Saturday have been selected to play but nothing that has happened on their tour so far has suggested that they will not gain a comfortable win.

Combined Services are by no means as strong a combination as their predecessors from yesteryear and in five previous meetings they have never beaten a New Zealand side. In fact, when the itinerary for the present tour was first announced, there was criticism in some quarters that sides like Cambridge University and Combined Services had been allocated a fixture in preference to stronger opposition that could have been found.

This match is always treated as something of a reunion by service rugby enthusiasts. Among the guests today will be several players from the Combined Services team that were only beaten 6—5 by the 1935-6 All Blacks. This was the closest result in the series and was the last match was played at J John Ackerman, the Rc and United States Pr tight head prop, is the vivor from the services s lost 31—10 at Twicken years ago.

Bruce Robertson cap All Blacks today as they tenth win in 11 matche current tour. The Servic led by the Leicester lo Gillingham

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NEW ZEALANDERS: McKechnie; B. R. Ford, B. (captain), J. L. Jaffray, R. E. J. Dunn, M. W. Dor Ashworth, J. E. Black, W. B Haden, J. Loveday, L. R Sear, B. G. Ashworth.

Referee: K. Parfin (Wal

For the record

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: I Flyers 4, Detroit Red Wings Bruins 5, St Louis Blues Flames 3, New York Rangers Buffalo Sabres 9, Minnesota Nor

WORLD ASSOCIATION: Jets 5, Indianapolis Racers 2 Oilers 6, Cincinnati Stingers

Cycling

COPENHAGEN: 50km r Final results: 1, G. Kapitel Sunday and D. Allen (Austra minus one lap; 2, A. Fritz many) and K. Svendsen 258pts, minus two laps; 3, and U. Hempel (West 249pts; 4, N. Fredborg an (Denmark), 226pts, minus 5, M. and W. Bolt (West 76pts, minus seven laps; 6, and R. Olsen (Denmark).

Athletics

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Tennis

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"Master H has more than a touch of class," Oliver said at Leicester yesterday. "I worked the gelding on Warwick racecourse on Saturday after racing. I am not saying he'll be completely straight in condition, but he'll be 97½ per cent fit." And with the doubt about Strombolus's participation the 8-1 on offer against Master H must represent sound value each-way.

Oliver was at Leicester to watch Kabeau run in the day's big race, the Leicestershire Silver Fox Steeplechase. Partnered by Master H's jockey, Reg Crank, Kabeau tried to make every yard of the running. Turning out of the back straight for the last time they were 10 lengths clear of Marshelstown. But at the fourth fence from home Kabeau blundered and the 11-4 on favourite closed the gap. Approaching the final jump, Tommy Carmody, the jockey of the moment, shook up Marshelstown, who sprinted clear to win by a clever one-and-a-half lengths.

The Dickinson steamroller continues to roll relentlessly forward. Their double with Marshelstown and Tommy Joe, who won at Ayr, gave the Gisburn stable their 26th victory of the season: Carmody has ridden 25 winners and there is no doubting the Irishman's style and class.

As far as Dickinson's plans are concerned, Pitt's Dritter is going to take things easily after his record-breaking triumph in the Buchanan Whisky Gold Cup at Ascot. That other good young chaser, Silver Rock, who won with plenty in hand at Stratford-on-Avon, will try to qualify for the Embassy Premier final at Wetherby on Saturday.

The best bet at this afternoon's three meetings could be Ocean Voyage in the Sileby Progress Steeplechase at Leicester. Ocean Voyage jumped brilliantly when winning at Stratford last week, but tired at the finish, confirming his trainer's opinion that Ocean Voyage might be just in need of the race. Ocean Voyage should outpace Archbold and Falls Road this afternoon.

At Ayr, I liked the chance of Peter Easterby's flat race handicapper, Chokwaro who, with Ian Watkinson on board can make a winning first appearance under these rules in the Culroy Novices Hurdle. Finally, Denis Atkins can win the day's most valuable race, the Bass Special Steeplechase on Cancello.

Neville Crump's nine-year-old will be all the sharper for his first appearance of the season behind Bishop's Pawn at Newcastle, and should be too good for that horse and Current Gold.

Richards is angry at decision of stewards

Gordon Richards saw two of his runners, Kirwaugh and Justafancy pass the post in first place at Ayr yesterday, but the Greystoke trainer ended with only one winner. Kirwaugh got home by a short head from Fogbound in the Symington Handicap Hurdle, but Steve Charlton, on Fogbound objected successfull for bumping over the last flight. The stewards, although ruling that the interference was accidental, quickly reversed the placings.

Richards said: "It was diabolical taking that away from me." There was some compensation, however, when the odds on just a Fancy beat The Engineer comfortably in the Drybridge Novices Steeplechase, ridden by Ron Barry.

Tony Dickinson's Gisburn stable continued in great form with two runners and two winners—one here and the other at Leicester. His Ayr winner was Tommy Joe, who, tackling three miles and three furlongs for the first time, easily won the Manchline Handicap Steeplechase by two lengths.

Because of a dispute at the Press Association our coverage of racing and some other sports is incomplete.

Callio comes late for Critérium victory

From Desmond Stoneham
French Racing Correspondent

Paris, Nov 20

Callio took today's Critérium de St-Cloud in which the first 10 past the post were covered by under three lengths. Second place was awarded to Echion in front of Lord Zara, Sunburst, Arnol and Son of Love. The likely favourite, Martin Kelly, did not take part in the event as his trainer, John Bolger, thought the ground too firm for his colt.

When the field settled down at a moderate pace, Sunburst led Kamaridaan, Brave Shot and Lord Zara with Callio last of the 11 runners. Some four furlongs from home, Philippe Paquet quickened things up by taking Brave Shot to the front ahead of Sunburst, Kamaridaan, Arnol and Lord Zara. Brave Shot continued to hold his place until the furlong marker where practically the whole field bunched up. With 100 yards to run Arnol ou the rails and Sunburst were being attacked by Echion and on the outside by Callio, who took command near the line.

The unlucky horse in the race was undoubtedly Kamaridaan, who never found a gap and finished seventh. His jockey, Henri Samani, lodged an unsuccessful objection to the second, Echion. Callio, who is unbeaten in three races, will now be aimed at next year's early classics and a visit to England is not ruled out. Rheinman and Lester Piggott made some late progress to finish tenth, but were never really in the race.

Ayr

1.15: 1. **Bobby Kenspiski** (3-1); 2. Cleo's Asp (9-4 fav); 3. Contribution (25-1). 8 ran.
1.45: 1. **Starlight Lad** (25-1); 2. Apache Pass (10-1); 3. Keren Park (4-1). Molly's Lad 2-1 fav. 10 ran. White Game and Donjill did not run.
2.15: 1. **Tommy Joe** (7-2); 2. Candback (4-1); 3. French Pia (6-4 fav). 4 ran.
2.45: 1. **Fogbound** (7-2); 2. Kirwaugh (11-4); 3. Tel Brig (7-4 fav). A run Kirwaugh beat Fogbound by a short head but after an objection and a stewards' inquiry, the placings were reversed.
3.15: 1. **Justafancy** (4-6 fav); 2. The Engineer (9-2); 3. Blue Comedian (20-1). 8 ran.
3.45: 1. **Eminence** (7-2 fav); 2. Bleu Hemel (16-1); 3. La Raine (12-1). 9 ran.

Carson breaks leg hunting

William Carson, the champion flat race jockey, has broken a bone in his left leg and cancelled his plan to fly out to Hongkong on December 6. The accident Scot was out hunting with the Quorn in Leicestershire three days before his thirty-sixth birthday.

Hobbling around with his leg in plaster at Ascot Sales yesterday, Carson said: "I've always gone hunting in the close season

Ayr programme

1.15 DUNDONALD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £991: 2m)

3	30-3432	Brenior Will (D), W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-6	—
4	23-0130	Forest Guard (CD), G. Richards, 7-11-1	Mr D. Metcalfe 7
5	u1p322	Toughie (D), M. Naughton, 12-10-9	—
6	000p-	Green Ali, D. Robertson, 5-10-7	—

1.45 CULROY HURDLE (3-y-o novices: £791: 2m)

5		Blue Drake, J. Barclay, 10-7	—
6	43	Bright Charlie, T. Fairhurst, 10-7	—
7		Chokwaro, M. H. Easterby, 10-7	I. Watkinson
8	02	Goomend, J. Haine, 10-7	—
10		Derisimo, J. Barclay, 10-7	—
12	60	Eastern Symphony, K. Oliver, 10-7	—
13		Forest Walk, W. H. Williams, 10-7	P. Carville 7
15		Ina Lad, W. Young, 10-7	—
25		Water Crescent, H. Burns, 10-7	—
26		Wharton Manor, Denys Smith, 10-7	A. Dickman

2.15 BASS SPECIAL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £2,965: 2½m)

1	41011-2	Cancello (D), N. Crump, 5-12-1	D. Atkins
2	111-410	Bishops Pawn (D), J. Nelson, 7-11-12	—
3	30-1017	Current Gold (D), G. Richards, 7-11-1	—
4	23121-	Fair View (D), C. Fairburn, 8-10-0	—

2.45 MONTGOMERIE HURDLE (Handicap: £1,177: 2m)

1	01421-2	Sharplerbeck (D), G. Richards, 4-12-0	—
2	02p-113	Richbert (D), C. Bell, 5-11-1	—
3	410p-30	Fiery Spirit, J. Haine, 7-11-10	—
4	001021	Drink Up (D), Denys Smith, 4-11-7	A. Dickman
5	214-032	Islander (D), Lord Killanin, 5-11-8	G. Holmes
6	0-3002	Apache Pass, W. Rock, 5-11-6	—

3.15 MOSSBLOWN STEEPLECHASE: (Novices: £866: 3m 110yd)

4		Champagne Cork, D. Robertson 6-11-0	—
5		Diven Mignon, R. Rednell, 8-11-0	G. Holmes
6	203-104	Fakwell, W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-0	—
7		Frappi, J. Berry, 7-11-0	—
8		General Branca, G. Richards, 6-11-0	—
9	0	General Bruno, F. Gibbon, 8-11-0	Mr D. Kinsella 7
10	0-f	Legal Extraction, K. Oliver, 6-11-0	Mr J. Mackie 7
11	34-u2	Old Head, J. Dodds, 6-11-0	—
12	0-0	Deep Tartan, M. H. Easterby, 5-10-12	I. Watkinson
13	0200-34	Marvik, N. Crump, 5-10-12	D. Atkins
15		Sweet Brig, K. Oliver, 5-10-12	F. V. O'Connell 7

3.45 BARSKIMMING HURDLE (Novices: £734: 3m)

2	p0-0031	Bargello's Lady (D), J. Dodds, 6-11-7	—
4	041	Pretty Boy Floyd (D), J. Berry, 5-11-2	—
5	0-42411	Silly Rajan, C. Lamb, 4-11-1	—
6	00-20	Glen Corrib, W. Rock, 7-11-0	T. Carberry
13	00	Polars Laddie, R. Goodlad, 4-11-0	—
15	0p244-5	Slippery Dick, I. Haine, 6-11-0	—
15	p00-0	Miss Hallez, J. Barclay, 5-10-3	—

Ayr selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.15 Brother Will. 1.45 Chokwarn. 2.15 Cancello. 2.45 Drink Up. 3.15 Deep Tartan. 3.45 Glen Corrib

programme

HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o novices: £680: 2m)

	Man (D), G. Tuft, 12-5	—
	Impression, N. Henderson, 11-5	B. Davies
	ar Prince, W. Marshall, 10-10	—
	st Lady, S. Mellor, 10-10	—
	atic Blend, A. Ramsey, 10-10	—
	son Major, F. Rimell, 10-10	C. Tinkler
	on Lass, Miss A. H. Wood, 10-10	—
	pters, J. Hardy, 10-10	—
	Helen, R. Hollinshead, 10-10	—
	y Miss, D. Yeoman, 10-10	—
	assiyak, J. Harris, 10-10	P. Tuck
	Pekin, R. Carter, 10-10	D. Browne
	nnus, D. H. Jones, 10-10	—
	Lodge, M. Thorn, 10-10	—
	r on the Roof, J. Spearing, 10-10	M. Evans
	Baby, B. Morris, 10-10	—
	e Mole, S. Richmond, 10-10	—
	Wolds, D. Dale, 10-10	J. Pearce
	Play, F. Dever, 10-10	—

SELLING STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £425:

	ast Flight, N. Chapman, 10-11-6	—
	hn Black (D), J. Bradley, 7-11-10	—
	R. Clay, 10-10-13	M. Charles
	ice, C. O'Neill, 10-10-8	—
	w, D. Lewis, 6-10-8	—
	ale (D), Lt Richmond, 11-10-0	—
	lise, J. Duffy, 11-10-0	—

STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £993: 3m)

	ppy (CD), D. Nicholson, 9-12-0	J. Suthern
	King (D), E. Courage, 7-10-13	A. Webber
	t (D), W. Clay, 10-10-12	N. Clay

OGRESS STEEPLECHASE (£891: 2m)

	chad (D), K. Bridgwater, 7-12-1	R. Page
	Voyage (D), A. Dickinson, 6-12-9	T. Carmody
	uld, F. Winter, 7-11-11	—
	Road, W. Oliver, 7-11-11	R. Crank
	ove, D. Nicholson, 7-11-11	J. King
	D. Lewis, 6-11-1	R. Hyett
	ra, R. Wall, 7-11-5	J. Barlow

HURDLE (Handicap: £968: 2m)

	h Saint (CD), D. Morley, 6-11-9	B. Davies
	ssing (D), J. Hardy, 6-11-6	N. Tinkler
	(CD), A. Birch, 7-11-5	J. Barlow
	olance (D), W. Clay, 8-11-5	N. Clay
	ver Run (D), N. Gaisford, 6-11-2	P. Bowgens
	gbow (D), R. Turnell, 5-10-12	S. Knight
	way (D), R. Hollinshead, 6-10-11	—
	ley (D), D. H. Jones, 5-10-9	J. Jenkins
	Ardea (CD), B. Cambidge, 5-10-5	—
	noor (D), D. H. Jones, 10-10-5	—
	ng, M. Chima, 7-10-2	—
	Bird (D), W. Charles, 6-10-1	M. Charles
	Ambition (D), J. Bradley, 5-10-0	—
	rn Lady (CD), C. O'Neill, 4-10-0	—

HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o novices: £705: 2m)

	Reed, N. Henderson, 11-3	B. Davies
	Joie (D), A. Jarvis, 11-3	—
	Mick, Mrs A. Finch, 10-10	P. Gaffney
	Lad, D. R. Jones, 10-10	J. Jenkins
	Comet, W. Clay, 10-10	N. Clay
	ers Choice, R. Alsbury, 10-10	J. Francome
	wsays, A. Jarvis, 10-10	—
	ue, F. Rimell, 10-10	J. Burke
	ns, W. Jenks, 10-10	K. Davies
	s, A. W. Jones, 10-10	—
	build Lady, R. Shelley, 10-10	J. Pearce
	Petrel, K. Bridgwater, 10-10	G. O'Brien
	tone Penny, D. Yeoman, 10-10	—
	phate, D. Morley, 10-10	—
	se Fury, J. Webber, 10-10	A. Webber
	m Harriette, Mr. Gillet, 10-10	J. Gillet
	e Saint, B. Cambidge 10-10	—
	e Girl, L. Barratt, 10-10	—
	mmer Miss, A. Goodhill, 10-10	S. Smith-Eccles
	shire Beverly, G. Tuft, 10-10	—

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UL 1.30 Bill the Black. 2.0 No Gypsy. 2.30 OCEAN ially recommended. 3.0 Benevolence. 3.30 Farmers.

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HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £565: 2m 40yd)

	d' Lime, C. Miller, 4-11-6	Mr D. Billings
	stable, F. Gorman, 5-11-0	—
	ity Lover, W. Williams, 5-11-0	—
	Buskins, R. Handel, 5-11-0	—
	th Device, Mrs K. Holmes, 5-11-0	S. May
	hop, D. Barons, 5-11-0	—
	nion, T. Hallett, 4-10-10	T. Hallett
	Sleger, J. Jarrell, 5-10-10	—
	Rivers, N. Aylliffe, 4-10-10	M. Aylliffe

STEEPLECHASE (£925: 2m 3f)

	ino, F. King, 6-12-0	R. Floyd
	town (C), J. Spearing, 6-12-0	—
	no Star, N. Caselee, 5-11-12	M. Floyd
	n Pepino, R. Handel, 10-11-2	—
	e My Queen, D. Whelan, 6-11-9	R. Hyett
	o Slave, M. Stephens, 7-11-9	Mr A. Walker
	ers, J. Wright, 7-11-9	—

DON SELLING HURDLE (Handicap: £334: 2m

	y Street, L. Kennard, 5-12-0	Miss L. Vincent
	ht Cottage (CD), W. Williams, 5-11-4	—
	Express, E. Stevens, 5-10-9	—
	nmet, P. Muggeridge, 6-10-8	—
	low Catcher, W. Hawke, 5-10-5	—
	t God, I. Gibbons, 6-10-4	—
	Gold, R. Keenor, 4-10-4	Mark Williams

CHALLENGE CUP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 3m 1f)

	s Birthday, F. Gorman, 11-10-10	—
	sal Express (CD), A. Williams, 6-10-8	S. May
	ell Street, G. Balding, 11-11-2	—
	Fly, F. Muggeridge, 6-10-8	—

HURDLE (Handicap: £1,002: 2m 40yd)

	ser (C), N. Aylliffe, 7-12-0	M. Aylliffe
	ills, L. Kennard, 12-11-3	Miss L. Vincent
	ree, D. Barons, 6-11-5	P. Leach
	orge, Mrs K. Holmes, 7-10-4	S. May

HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £568: 2m 40yd)

	ler Gem, J. Baker, 5-11-10	—
	Don, R. Keenor, 5-11-0	Mark Williams
	ic River, F. Yardley, 5-11-0	R. Hyett
	dlands, W. Turner, 5-11-0	—
	or Lias, R. Keenor, 6-11-0	John Williams
	Nursery, D. Barons, 4-10-10	P. Leach
	upford Girl, T. Hallett, 4-10-10	T. Hallett
	st Jest, W. Williams, 5-11-6	—
	arwith Girl, J. Baker, 4-10-10	—
	ns Choice, D. Elsworth, 4-10-10	—

Exeter selections

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1.0 Kildimo Star. 1.30 Kerry Street. 2.0 National ntle. 3.0 Border Gem.

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RS HURDLE (£852:

	g. by Crowned	
	ibca (J. Bing-	
	shin (3-2 it fav)	1
	son (5-2 it fav)	2
	N. Tinkler (9-1)	3
	1. King Kappa, 10-1	
	ronette (b), 15-1	
	Lady Mowbray (f).	
	Can-We-Tell, Dansky	
	Starry (b), Genuine	
	ombini (f), Adc.	
	b) Tornacity (p),	
	18 ran.	
	p: places, 11p, 24p.	
	f, 26p. J. Bingham.	
	f, 3f). Winner bought	
	mas.	

DSWORTH STEEPLE-
s: £1,005: 3m)

	b g. by New	
	(H. Thirlfield).	
	Blacker (6-5 fav)	1
	Sutton (100-30)	2
	R. Hyett (5-1)	3
	-1 Flying Prince (f),	
	(4th), 40-1 Red	
	e Ahead (p), 7 ran.	
	5p: places, 11p, 11p:	
	3. J. Edwards, Ross-	
	Haigo did not run.	

ER SOX STEEPLE-
cap: £2,106: 2½m)

	y, by Saint Vincent	
	ight (D. Adams),	
	Carmody (4-11)	1
	R. Crank (6-2)	2
	A. Webber (20-1)	3
	p: dual forecast, 11p.	
	Gisburn. 1½l. bad.	

BUSHBERRY APACHE
ndicap: £563: 3m)

	by Hardicanute—	
	nder (H. Dale)	
	Davis (4-6 ...	1
	ornor Queen (4-1 fav)	2
	Smith-Eccles (10-1	3

ALSO RAN: 10-1 Charles Swift 4th), 33-1 Harmon, 50-1 Wansford Boy, Golden Days, Trooper. 8 ran. P. Bevan, at Lanchester.

TOTE: win, 46p; places, 11p, 16p; dual forecast, 20p. Lampshade did not run.

3.0 (3.14) **STOUGHTON HURDLE** (Div I: novices: £741: 2m)

Space Leader, ch h by Mr Leader—She's In Orbit (Mr Burridge). 6-11-0 C. Candy (6-1) 1
Crook of Devon, S. McNeill (5-1) 2
Western Priorless, A. Webber (2-1 fav) 3

ALS RAN: 9-1 Rich Encounter, 10-1 Breathing Exercise (U), 12-1 Calmbrino, 14-1 Early Thistles, Rambling Dan, 20-1 Gold Charge, Southern Finch, 50-1 Fair Note, Tabernacle (B), Gills Dulsie Bridge, Causway Girl (4th), Hard School (U), Rathmoyle. 17 ran.

TOTE: win, 75p; places, 24p, 22p. 12p; dual forecast, £3.30. R. Fellins, at Cowbridge. 4L 6L Singing Prince and Winged Pharoah did not run.

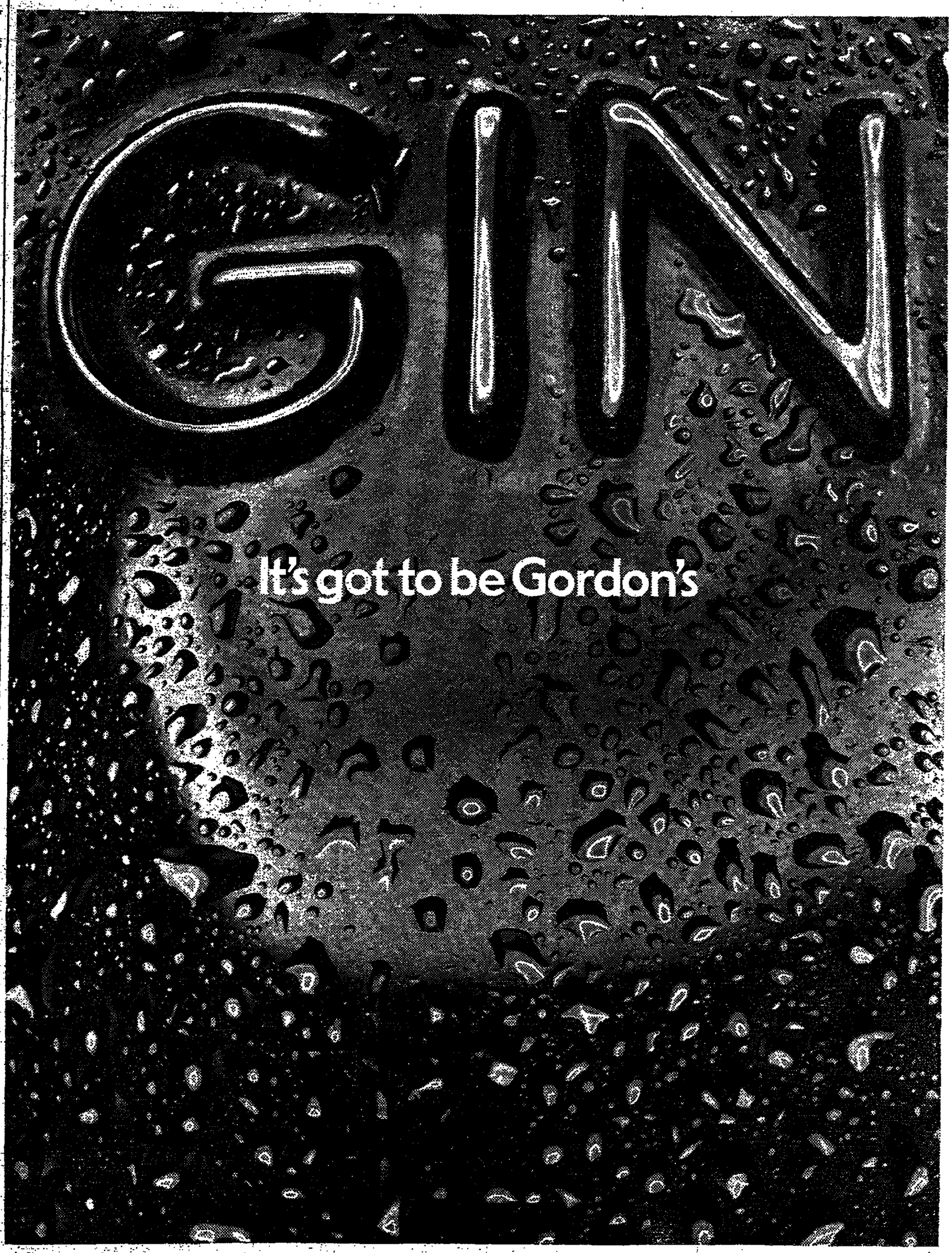
3.30 (3.41) **STUGHTN HURDLE** (Div II: novices: £734: 2m)

Seasenadee, b f by Sea-Epic—Dear Madam (G. Thomas), 4-10-10 A. Webb (7-1) 1
Moor Cliff G. McCourt (11-10 fav) 2
Cashmere Bere ... P. Tuck (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-1 Mister Johnnie (4th), 12-1 Loong Koi, 14-1 Roasts Secret, 16-1 Prince Valentine, Secret Pete, 20-1 Well Head, 33-1 Artsole, Dismit, George Kirkland, Marvlorum, Middle Lante, Rally Boy, Litton Water, Saratoga Suite, Swarf, Trackennis. 20 ran.

TOTE: win, 64p; places, 34p, 11p, 77p; dual forecast, 65p. J. Spearing at Alcester. 2½l, 17l. In A Pickle did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Marshelstown and Space Leader, £19.20. TREBLE: Ann other Prospect, Tamdhu and Seaseg nan, £102.90. JACKPOT: £874.30. PLACEPOT: £1.05.



'If Rhodesia's transitional government persists in its plan to call up Africans into the army, it will be signing its own death warrant'

The black revolt against conscription

"If the transitional government persist with its plan to call up Africans into the army it will be signing its own death warrant. We will use those arms against the government."

The speaker was a young African student at St Ignatius College, a Jesuit-run secondary school near Salisbury which has the reputation of being one of the best black schools in Rhodesia. He was expressing what appeared to be a unanimously held view among his contemporaries at the school against the bi-racial transitional government's plans to conscript blacks aged between 18 and 25 who have completed at least three years of secondary education into the security forces.

There have been demonstrations against the government's call-up plans, which will start early next year, by black students in colleges and schools across the country. Their rejection of compulsory national service for young Africans is based on two main points: first, they are not prepared to give their loyalty and perhaps their lives for a political system which they believe does not genuinely serve African interests; and second, they say they cannot be expected to fight an organization, the Patriotic Front, which they support and which in many cases includes members of their own families.

The students of St Ignatius are among the elite of black Rhodesian youth. They are not, as one of them put it, a bunch of "communist-supported thugs. We are innocent school-boys brought up in a capitalist system and we don't know what communism is". Yet the views I heard during a morning spent closeted in a classroom with about 60 of them, aged between 16 and 19, must have profoundly disturbing implications for the transitional government and its three internal black leaders—Bishop Abel Muzorewa, Rev Ndabaningi Sithole and Chief Jeremiah Chirau.

The boys were unanimously opposed to the transitional government set up as a result of the Salisbury agreement last March. They described the black internal leaders variously as "puppets", "stooges" or "traitors", whom they regarded as having forfeited their nationalist credentials by "selling out" to Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister. What Mr Smith had succeeded in doing, said one, was to incorporate a number of "black-whites" into the society of the "whites-whites".

They were equally unanimous in supporting the Patriotic Front led by Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe—so much so that their responses often contained the familiarly militant rhetoric used by the leaders of the guerrilla organization. "All we are interested in", said another, "is an unconditional hand-over of power to the sole authentic representatives of the toiling masses, the Patriotic Front, who have been given a mandate to liberate the motherland".

But despite the rhetoric, the boys frequently and articulately expressed deeply-felt resentment about the actions (or lack of them) taken by the Transitional Government. They were not impressed by the steps taken so far to remove racial discrimination; they were angered by the Rhodesian raids into Zambia and Mozambique which resulted in the deaths of thousands of their black compatriots; and they resented the fuss made when whites are killed, particularly in the recent Air Rhodesia disaster, while the deaths of black civilians invariably went ignored.

The students were also opposed to the removal of sanctions at this stage. "The lifting of sanctions would mean a further postponement of our war of liberation", said one.

At the boy's request no member of the school staff was present during our meeting. They also asked that their surnames should not be given. The following are some of their responses.

Unduru, aged 19: The regime is destroying thousands of Zimbabweans and we are not prepared to protect such a regime. The Salisbury agreement did not include a referendum for Africans because the Africans would have categorically and emphatically rejected it. It is just an extension of the Rhodesia Front Minority to the black middle class. No one has recognized the Transitional Government, not even the Conservatives in Britain. The United States did not endorse it, nor did the United Nations. The Organization of African Unity or the "front-line" states. Most important is that the transitional government is not recognized by the struggling masses of Zimbabweans. So we cannot fight for a regime we do not recognize.

Charles, 17: The guerrillas fighting in the bush are told to come home and be part of the security forces. This is tantamount to capitulation to the forces of oppression and as such will not be accepted. How do we know the Rhodesia Front regime is not planning another of its deceptive plots in order to muzzle the people's revolution when it is about to achieve its ends?

Sixty-five per cent of the country is under martial law but martial law affects only blacks and not whites. The blacks in the tribal trust lands are now totally at the mercy of the soldiers who can do whatever they want. There are many private armies operating in Rhodesia which are said to have government approval. People in the tribal trust lands live in perpetual fear and now this fear is creeping into the African townships. If you do not support one of the internal settlement parties than you are likely to be intimidated by their armies. Is there any hope of free and fair elections in the face of intimidation?

Michael, 18: Sithole claimed command of the guerrilla forces and had the audacity to promise an end to the war. But what has happened? Absolutely nothing. This underlines that his claim was a complete fabrication. It also shows the interim government has not been able to comply with the March 3 agreement. Already the whole exercise is failing. And here we are being called on to give our lives to defend a cause we don't endorse.

Panganai, 19: The interim government is a fiasco and now they want us to fight for a doomed regime. I will not fight or kill my own brothers. To do so would be treason against my people.

Muchapera, 18: They say discrimination has been removed. But if it has been removed there should be no need for the government to tell us it has been removed. We should see and feel the effects of its removal. How can it be said to have been removed when housing prices (in the cities) are beyond what the average African can afford? The education system is still the same. The government spends about $43 a year on educating a black child compared with $493 on a European child. Is that justice? Only Africans are affected by the wage freeze. Highly-paid posts are still in the hands of whites.

O'Barnad, 17: For us blacks call-up is the highest form of treachery. We want Muzorewa, Sithole and Chirau to know we will never fight against the very people who have forced reforms on this country. Putting black faces into the government has not changed a thing.

Abdul, 17: In the new parliament (proposed by the transitional government) the blacks who make up 96 per cent of the population will have 72 per cent of the seats and the whites who make up 4 per cent will get 28 per cent. No law will be passed unless 78 per cent of the members vote for it. This means that no law will be approved without endorsement from the white MPs. Therefore all our future laws will be geared to serving the interests of the whites and not us the majority.

Kingston, 19: We do not endorse capitalism and we will not fight for it. We are not going to fight for UDI. We will fight for socialism and for socialism we will fight.

Chinotopa, 17: We would like to warn the interim government that if they do not hear us now when we are speaking a language they think is theirs, then we will use the language with which they are now familiar and that is the gun.

Carlos, 18: The people who were killed (during the recent Rhodesian raids into Zambia) were our own brothers who came from our own families, our own villages. The blacks of Zimbabwe will not go and fight these people, our own liberators. We are not going to help them perpetrate such massacres. These massacres, instead of demoralizing us, will give us power and strength.

Unduru, 19: Britain and the USA should have no say in how this country is going to be run after we have got our independence. All we want them to do is to give the country to us and the rest we will decide for ourselves.

Nicholas Ashford

This power-hungry pastor behind the 'death cult' in Guyana

Los Angeles

The horrifying weekend bloodbath in Guyana, involving the hitherto obscure People's Temple movement and its leader, The Rev Jim Jones, has once again brought to life that social aberration that seems to thrive in the most populous state in America—the California quasi-religious cult.

Only last month, two members of another group, Synanon, based in California, were accused of trying to kill a Los Angeles lawyer by slipping a deadly rattlesnake into his mailbox. The attorney, who had incurred the displeasure of some members of Synanon, survived the plot.

Now the murder of California congressman Leo Ryan, and several members of his party who had travelled to Guyana to investigate reports that Americans were being held prisoner in Jonestown, and the unbelievable mass suicides by cult members in the settlement, have put the controversial church and its methods under intense scrutiny.

A multitude of bizarre stories have emerged, spotlighting the movement, its charismatic leader and some of his questionable practices, including brainwashing and brutality.

The most damning accusations came in a *New West* magazine article which accused the Reverend Jones of being a charlatan and phoney. The magazine claimed he ran his church like a tyrant, staged fake faith-healing ceremonies and intimidated his followers—85 per cent of whom were black—into giving him their homes and life savings. He travelled everywhere with a cadre of black bodyguards, sometimes 15 strong.

Yet until fairly recently the Reverend Jones and his burgeoning congregation was openly courted by leading politicians including the mayor of San Francisco, George Moscone, and Lieutenant Governor Mervyn Dymally. In 1976 Mrs Rosalyn Carter, the wife of the president, shared the same stage as the Reverend Jones when she came to San Francisco to open Democratic Party headquarters and he was one of the few guests invited to meet vice-President Walter Mondale aboard his private jet.

Politicians in San Francisco realized he had a hard core following. Although he claimed it was 20,000, many believed membership was closer to 3,500. The Reverend Jones had demonstrated that at short notice he could effectively orchestrate the members of his congregation to protest, pack political rallies, or go out door-to-door to get votes.

The Reverend Jones, now 46, has a degree in education from the University of Indiana. Although he had no formal training in the ministry—nor was he affiliated to any church—his first temple, which provided free meals for down and outs, quickly grew. It was one of the few integrated churches in Indiana.

In 1961, after he had a vision, according to an ex-aide, in which Indianapolis was consumed in a holocaust, he moved to the tiny northern California community of Ukiah.

The movement prospered after moving to San Francisco, where he preached a gospel of racial integration that would create a society without class. He was appointed chairman of the city's Housing Commission and various politicians, including Governor Jerry

spoke from his pulpit vices which were crammed with up to 5,0 shippers.

But in the last yea disenchanted members sect came forward to that the Reverend Jone politically power-hungr who had swelled his m holdings to well over the expense of his—mos —parishioners.

New West magazine ded a district attorney's gation into the church activities and it repor before publication of t many leading San F politicians and personali pressured the magazine the exposure. "The R Jones is a good man doi work" was what she w was told by many of t influential figures.

However in the article ex-members of the chu their own horror stori life inside the temple they said was a mix spartan regimentation, tactics, and public hum

Members who incur Reverend Jones's wra bullied and berated a sically beaten in front congregation at servic often went on all nigh said they were beat large wooden paddles; ing matches were stage the victim of a pun often ended up being unconscious.

On one occasion, wi congregants watched, a old girl was beaten 7 until her buttocks we Her offence, she said, ging and kissing a fello ber believed to be a le

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Bernard Levin

The writing is on the wall for Chairman Mao

"There's hope," said Hamlet, "a great man's memory may outlive his life half a year; but, by'r lady, he must build churches then." The qualification no doubt seemed sufficient at the time; but I feel it would be inadequate today, at any rate if the news from China is anything to go by.

Ever since the death of Mao Tse-tung, and the arrest of his widow as one of the "Gang of Four", it has been clear that the present Chinese leadership finds the shadow of Mao an increasingly burdensome embarrassment. The sheer ludicrousness of the charges against Madame Mao (they included an accusation that she had ordered hot melon for her lunch) may be dismissed as unimportant; they were framed in haste and fear, and were obviously not designed to be used at a trial. But it was clear even then, and has become more and more so since, that the Gang of Four was really a Gang of Five, and that Mao himself was the leader of it. The whole drift of Chinese policy since Mao's death has been away from his teaching and towards a recognition of what has to be done if China is to make the kind of progress that her vast capacity would allow; yet no such progress will be possible until the idol himself is cast down. And the latest news, certainly the most momentous to come out of China since Mao died, suggests that that very iconoclasm is now beginning.

The weird Chinese technique of using wall posters, sometimes handwritten in single copies, to fly kites for powerful interest groups, has produced an entire school of exegesis, and I am not proposing to enrol for a course. But when, in a public place in Peking, words can be read which declare that Mao "supported the Gang of Four", without any untoward consequences for the man who put the words up, it is clear that events in China have moved further, and faster, than would have seemed conceivable only a year ago.

I am not, however, proposing today to carry out an exercise in China-watching. The events there are fraught with possibilities that defy the imagination to encompass them, and I shall watch the unfolding pattern with more than common interest. But if, as I say, the changes in China have already gone further than could have been thought of, let alone predicted, a year ago, what do you suppose would be the right comparison with a period, say, seven years ago—that is, five years before Mao's death?

For the veneration of Mao that was obligatory upon the Chinese people exceeded by a very wide margin that demanded by any *semi*-divine Roman Emperor or sun-descended Pharaoh, let alone mere secular monarchs. The Chinese authorities once announced, with a distinct air of pride, that *seven hundred million* pictures of Mao had been manufactured and distributed in China; the number of copies of his rubbishy "Thoughts" must have been (quite apart from the untold millions of translations sent or republished abroad to be swallowed whole by fools) of a similar magnitude. Mao was, if the word has any meaning, *worshipped* by the Chinese people; there were even sets of versicles and responses, laid down for greetings between Chinese, in which the Sacred Name was intoned, and everyone in the country, from ping-pong player to surgeon, was obliged to declare that his efforts were guided by the magic words of the god-king.

That, of course, was the lesson swallowed voluntarily by the fools outside; I remember seeing a leaflet, distributed at the time Dr Eysenck was roughed up at the London School of Economics, the burden of which was that this "facist" (*sic*) should not be allowed to speak there, or indeed anywhere else, but, which—presumably because the authors of the document did not wish to be thought merely negative in their political philosophy—also included, and at both the top and bottom of the page, too, the rubric "Put Mao Tse-Tung thought in charge of everything".

I do not know whether *The Thoughts of Chairman Mao* are still readily available in China, or whether, if they are, they will be so much longer. I doubt it; those who live by the word will perish by the word, and the campaign to forget Mao and all he stood for can only gather momentum now. The *Thoughts* will not greatly impede that campaign, but they will remind people of what Mao once was, and it cannot be long before such reminders become positively unwelcome to the rulers of China. (Besides, nobody ever actually hit a ping-pong ball harder, or sutured a wound more effectively, because they studied the Little Red Book.) What they will do about the 700,000,000 pictures is not easy to see; but I imagine it must be some time since any Chinese gained favour with the authorities by denouncing his neighbour for removing the sacred picture from the living-room wall.

The truth is still what Montaigne said it was: "Sit we on never so high a stool, yet sit we but upon our own tails." Mao was a man; obviously a very remarkable one, but mortal none the less, and his words and deeds were as subject to error as those of the butcher, the baker or the candlestick-maker. And worship is indigestible food for mortals; after a time the recipients tend to believe that it is justified, and this causes their heirs and successors no end of problems later. Look at the embarrassment caused in the Soviet Union after the removal of Stalin from Red Square, when towns, street-names and institutions named for him had to be hurriedly retitled; not even Stalingrad itself escaped the humiliation. (Present-day African potentates have a habit of naming natural features, from lakes to mountains, after themselves, but even if they die peacefully I will wager that the countryside around them will be renamed before they have been five years dead.)

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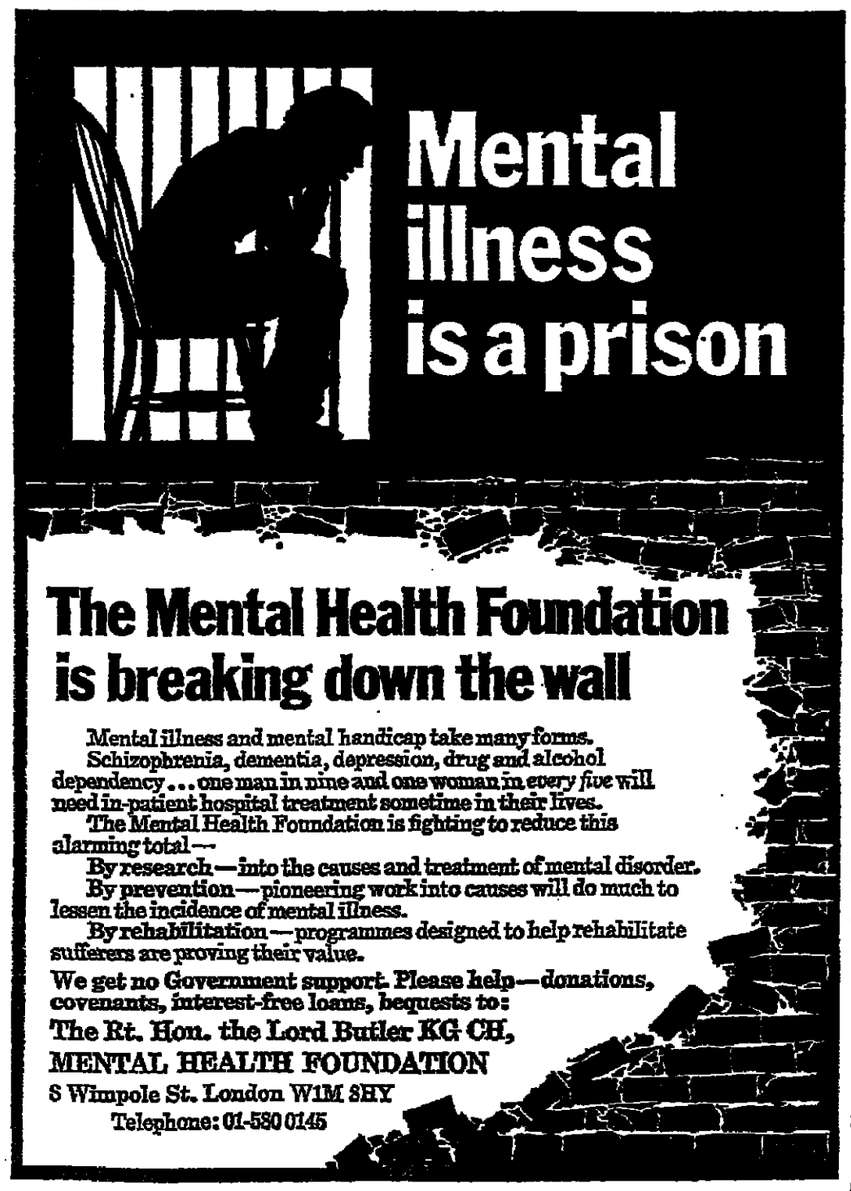
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Arm, arm, my name! a puny subject strikes
At thy great glory. Look not to the ground,
Ye favourites of a king: are we not high?

To which the answer can only be: not when you're dead. In all human history, no single man has commanded—the zeugma is useful—the obeisances of so many millions during his lifetime. And now a Peking garage-mechanic has put up a poster denouncing him. And the lesson is not just that we should refrain from putting our trust in princes: it is that we should not put our trust in anything, whether a man or a system or a god, that claims to provide answers for questions yet unasked. "Put Mao Tse-tung thought in charge of everything" proved unsound doctrine; but that was not because Mao's ultimate fate is to become a Chinese Unperson. The fallacy in the proposition would have remained a fallacy if Mao had turned out to be immortal, because it rests on a logically impossible foundation, to wit, that the unknowable can be known, the unpredictable predicted, and the unimaginable imagined.

It is a pity that that lesson has to be learnt anew every time it is taught, that even while the truth about Stalin was penetrating into the minds of those who had spent 30 years avoiding it a similar lie about Mao was being believed by their successors. But the important thing is that the lesson will always be taught, that no man, no book, no rule, no empire, no doctrine, no technique, no nostrum, no principle, no cure, no claim, no cry will ever be able for long to maintain the falsehood that all men are the same, in face of the truth that all men are different. There is only one message I would ever want to paste up as a wall-poster, and it would take considerably less space than the one in Peking that has just attracted so much notice. For in truth, those who claim immortality for themselves, their leaders or their doctrines need only one *memento mori*, and that a simple one:

But yesterday the word of Caesar might
Have stood against the world; now lies he there,
And none so poor to do him reverence.

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ISLE OF MAN DIARY

Red carpet is ready for the Lord of Mann

Starting with a fireworks display and a dog show on January 1, and ending with a grand ball in Douglas 12 months later, the programme of events for Millennium Year in the Isle of Man already lists three hundred separate items.

Based on island historians' assessment that the Tynwald parliament was founded between AD 975 and 980, the Manx settled on next year to celebrate one thousand years of unbroken democratic government. It is accepted that the Icelandic parliament was founded earlier, but there was a break in its continuity, leaving the Isle of Man with a so far unchallenged assertion that it has the oldest continuous parliament in the world.

The jollifications, which are expected to bring in an extra 100,000 visitors on top of the average of 350,000 a year, vary from village school concerts and sheep dog trials to a tall-ships rally and a round-the-island sailing race.

The climax will be reached on July 5, when the annual ceremonial assembly of Tynwald on the ancient open-air site at St Johns will be held, everyone hopes, in the presence of the Lord of Mann, who on the other side of the Irish Sea is styled Queen Elibabeth.

The Manx government expects a reply from Buckingham Palace next month to an invitation already sent by the Lieutenant Governor, Sir John Paul.

There is a particular desire that the Lord of Mann might arrive on board the royal yacht, which could find itself sailing in company with a full-scale reproduction of a 10-oared, square-sailed Viking warship, which is due to leave Norway in June and follow the historic raiders' route via the North Sea, the Pentland Firth, the Western Isles of Scotland and the Irish mainland.

The Viking ship, modelled on the Gokstad vessel preserved in Oslo, is being built on the initiative of a member of a new and important group of Manx residents.

Mr Robin Bigland, who runs an insurance company in the tax haven heart of Athol Street, Douglas, and whose family has strong Norwegian connexions, has arranged the building of the ship near Oslo. He is sifting through a short list extracted from more than 500 applications for the 16 crew places.

Applications have come from both the island and Norway, and he and his associates are looking for some hefty, healthy young fellows, since the ship will probably be facing prevailing westerly and south-westerly winds, which will not exactly help the square rigger.

As a concession to safety in waters frequented by super tankers and containing other nautical hazards unknown in the tenth century, it will be equipped with radar and a 20 hp engine, to be used only in emergencies.

A most successful sales point has been a brochure distributed worldwide by travel agents advising people with names such as Kerruish, Kermode, and Kermeen, Christian, Clague and Clucas, Quale, Quiggin and Quillian, on how to trace their ancestors.

Among them could be descendants of Fletcher Christian of the Bounty, and of John Quillian, who was first lieutenant on the Victory and steered her into action at Trafalgar with blocks and tackle on the tiller deck after the wheel had been shot away.

Response to the leaflets has come from some unexpected places, including at the last count 33 of the states of America. A volunteer team of amateur genealogists has been formed to help with family trees.

Unfortunately all is not peace and tranquillity within the corridors of power as Millennium Year approaches, with the continuation of the tendency of the island parliament to want to ease itself out of more and more of its links with the United Kingdom Government.

That trend began in the 1960s with an acid dispute with the United Kingdom Postmaster General's department over the power output of Manx Radio (the first commercial station in the British Isles) and the outlawing of Caroline North, the pirate radio ship moored off Ramsey, which gave the island tourist trade valuable free publicity that could be heard on the mainland.

It has moved on through the complete separation of postal services (letters posted in the island bearing United Kingdom stamps do not go far) to serious discussions about the setting up of a separate Customs service to levy indirect taxes.

Today at Tynwald Mr Percy Radcliffe, chairman of the finance board, will recommend a halving of what is called "the imperial contribution" the money paid back to the mainland as a share of the cost of national defence, diplomatic services abroad and other common services.

Last year the island paid about £800,000. Among other things, there has been annoyance at a bill running into several million pounds for the rebuilding of the Manx landing stage at Liverpool. There is a general feeling that the island is not getting value for money.



The issue of birching, which died down during the summer after the European Court of Human Rights declared that the practice was "degrading", is being brought to the surface again today.

Two married women, Mrs Margaret Irving, of Peel, and Mrs Rita Garside, of Ramsey, intend to exercise their ancient rights as citizens and present a petition and prayer on the floor of Tynwald calling for a change in law so that a referendum can be held on the subject.

The petition goes further and requests Tynwald to inform the United Kingdom Government that it does not wish to continue association with the Convention on Human Rights.

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As a result of this the PNV has felt obliged to advocate abstention in the referendum, and the position of the more militant parties favouring outright opposition (and in some cases openly supporting ETA's terrorist campaign) has been correspondingly strengthened. Although tens of thousands took part in an anti-terrorist demonstration called by the PNV in Bilbao last month, it is clear that the police are still far from enjoying general support from the local population in their struggle against the terrorists. Last week two terrorists were killed by police in a chase at Mondragon, near San Sebastian, and throughout the province shops closed, radio stations went off the air and factories went on strike.

This situation in turn feeds the anger of the extreme right, enabling it to argue that since Franco's death terrorism has become respectable and the disintegration of Spain has got well under way. Such themes evidently have an appeal to some elements in the armed forces. The published details of last week's attempted coup may make it seem a fairly absurd business, but there are plenty of signs that the Government took it very seriously.

The armed forces are still essentially Franco's armed forces, and though they have so far maintained a front of respect for the King, many officers do not conceal their dislike or even contempt for the Prime Minister, Señor Suárez, and his deputy Prime Minister in charge of defence, General Gutiérrez Mellado. What, one wonders, would be their attitude to Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Socialist leader, if he were to become prime minister, as he hopes, after an election held under the new constitution? Señor Gonzalez argues, in a recent interview with *La Stampa*, that his party is now the best guarantee of the unity of the Spanish state since, unlike the party now in power, it is strongly represented in both the Basque country and Catalonia. That is a good argument, but perhaps not one the armed forces would grasp very easily.

What they should realize, however, is that separatist terrorism is a legacy of Franco. It existed already in his lifetime, and was a natural response to the methods he used in the Basque country. Any attempt to re-impose dictatorship on Spain now would be most unlikely to solve the Basque problem, and all too likely to plunge the whole country into another civil war.

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Such are the arguments offered to party cadres seeking guidance. But what of the masses on whom Mao's radiance shone? In the upper party circles Mao's reputation began to decline with the great leap forward of 1958, spreading down through the party in the sixties. It was probably not until the cultural revolution that his national image was seriously cracked. And that not least by the absurd and at times ludicrous inflation of his personality. One way of dealing with this is by the elevation of Chou En-lai. Posters in Peking are now saluting him as the only leader to protect the Chinese people during ten years of "fascism" from 1966 to 1976. For some time now any occasion for remembering Chou has been seized; by comparison even the anniversary of Mao's death has passed with minimal comment.

There are other ways of more oblique exposure of Mao's faults. An article in November last year, attacking Lin Piao and the gang of four for inflating the Mao cult, complained that "they presented the history of the Chinese revolution as if only one revolutionary leader had remained, a man solitary and aloof. Lifting a leader to that height—does this increase his prestige and usefulness? On the contrary. They wanted to reduce the figure of the great leader of the proletariat to that of a solitary man who had lost contact with the masses". Thus could Mao of the seventies be mirrored.

The devious technique is necessary for many reasons. Mao was no tyrant like Stalin. Among the present leaders there must be disagreement over how far the dethronement should go. Mao the national hero is necessary and useful so long as his legacy does not impede current priorities. So much may be agreed. But what is the firm doctrine now? Internally as well as externally China's ideological stance is likely to be flexible for some time yet.

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Perhaps some such gust of terror of the outside world may have led to the murders and suicides reported in Guyana. The allegations against the People's Temple and its leader, Mr Jim Jones, are grave though not yet proved. If they are accurate, there is cause for special concern about the ease with which he was apparently able to use his power over his followers (never a large group in political terms) to gain him political advancement.

But such an astonishing catastrophe leads to wider questioning. The liberal, plural society which fosters the need for authoritarian fringe cults also denies itself the means of prohibiting them, and rightly. The established churches seeing their growth, inevitably feel that it is the mark of some failure of their own. Religion by its nature stirs up powerful feelings: the ideas of self-sacrifice, loyalty unto death and welcome flight from an evil world which may have moved the fanatics in Guyana are not the exclusive property of fringe cults. But other churches cannot compete with such groups in any direct way because they cannot and must not offer what those who are vulnerable seek most immediately—the relief from the loneliness of moral and ethical dilemmas. A church must seek to support and guide without depriving its members of responsibility.

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ill not be surprising if Dr
Edward's Reith Lectures meet at first with solid resistance from our ecclesiastical authorities. After all, the lectures represent a fundamental challenge to received wisdom among our church leaders. All the more reason therefore to record one's own endorsement, after considerable personal experience of the political side of the work of the World Council of Churches, of the deadly accuracy of most of his criticisms of current tendencies in that field of operations. But I take issue with him regarding one element in his diagnosis.

The trouble is not that the churches and the World Council of Churches are too "materialistic" in their preoccupations, nor that it is a mistake for Christians to take politics too seriously. The failure lies in obscuring the gulf that exists between the supreme goodness of God and the inevitable ambiguities of all political decisions. This failure stems, I fear, either from our having lost sight of how much better God is than we are, or else from inexperience of political realities. Either way, the result is a naive identification of the commands of God with particular political movements and programs which, at the moment find popular favour.

Moreover, in the earnest desire to encourage the laity at large to take their religion into politics, our leaders have overlooked the fact that politics is a skilled profession, with its own disciplines and demands as specific as in any other profession. The only way to engage everyone in political issues is to simplify them inordinately. For the churches, the obvious way of doing so is to moralize each issue, emphasizing some ethical aspects often quite marginal in comparision with the complex calculations involved. One might say that the role of morality in politics is far more elusive, though no less important, than the churches presently propose. The neglected subject is theological rather than moral—how does the holy God speak to men whose duty is to direct the affairs of a fallen world into paths of relative humanity?

Your obedient servant,
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Wickham Bishops,
Witham,
Essex.
November 14.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How sanctions are applied

From Dame Molly Gibbs

Sir, There is a saying "strain at a gnat, yet swallow a camel", which I feel is very appropriate in view of the recent debate on the renewal of sanctions in the House of Commons.

My husband and I live in an area where there is a real possibility of our home being destroyed by terrorist action. We therefore decided to allocate to our sons, the three living in England, their portion of our family silver and EPNS. All of it has a greater sentimental value than real value.

We will not break sanctions, so we obtained all the necessary documentation (we thought) to export it from Rhodesia. However, Her Majesty's Customs impounded it on arrival in the United Kingdom and all representations to have it released have fallen on deaf ears. Our sons have, for the past 15 months, been paying a heavy storage charge.

It appears sadly ironical to me that the Bingham report seems to show that Her Majesty's Government knowingly took a course of action that perpetuated a regime in this country that this family has, through two generations and at considerable personal costs, opposed.

Yours faithfully,
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Rhodesia.

Pope and contraception

From Mr Antoni Pospieszalski

Sir, I refer to the letter of Dom A. J. Stacpoole which appeared in the issue of November 8 linking the present Pope's book *Love and Responsibility* with the encyclical of Paul VI *Humanae Vitae*. It is to be noted that the book (which few people outside Poland seem to have read) originally appeared as early as 1960 and was probably conceived when the future Pope was still an ordinary priest (he became bishop in 1958).

Indeed, so far from having been written in support of *Humanae Vitae* (1968) it differs from the encyclical, at least in emphasis, on two points.

On the one hand, Bishop Wojtyla (as he was at the time of publication), unlike Paul VI, pays relatively little attention to social, economic and educational factors which may at times justify a responsible limitation of the number of children.

In line with the then prevailing teaching of Pius XI (*Casti Connubii*, 1930) he insists that marriage should, in principle, always be open to procreation. On the other hand, he tends also to minimize the distinction between artificial and natural means of family limitation which is the core of the controversy about *Humanae Vitae*.

His attitude, thus, seems to be close to that of the majority of the Papal Commission who, in their report of 1966, also condemned what they called "the contraceptive mentality", while conceding that at times responsible parenthood may require limiting the number of children being born, also by so-called artificial means.

There is, therefore, little reason to suppose that Archbishop Wojtyla, had he been present at the crucial meeting of the Commission in June, 1966, would have sided with the minority headed by Cardinal Ottaviani and voted against the majority report.

Of course, this in itself says nothing about what John Paul II may or may not do about *Humanae Vitae*.

Yours faithfully,
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November 11.

Status of voluntary bodies

From the Director of the National Council of Social Service

Sir, "When does a voluntary organization become a Quango?" asks Baroness Young introducing a debate on Quangos in the House of Lords yesterday (November 15). The recent report of the Civil Service Department on "fringe bodies" raises similar questions suggesting that the status of voluntary organizations is uncertain.

The National Council of Social Service is firmly of the view that any moves by government to treat voluntary organizations as Quangos is detrimental to the voluntary sector as a whole. Voluntary organizations are essentially independent bodies unlike Quangos who, as their name suggests, are quasi independent and whose members are appointed directly by a Minister.

The reasons why we need a strong independent voluntary sector in this country are first that voluntary organizations and volunteers add very considerably to the money and manpower resources available within our welfare state. Secondly, many services are qualitatively better if provided by a combination of voluntary and statutory agencies. Thirdly, voluntary organizations as constructive critics and innovators are frequently the first to recognize and respond to new and changing needs. Finally, voluntary organizations and volunteering provide an opportunity for involving many thousands of people at any one time in helping themselves or the community in which they live.

The NCSS is encouraged by the increased financial support provided by government to voluntary organizations in recent years. No doubt the conditions attached to grant aiding voluntary organizations can be improved, but if those conditions inhibit the independence of voluntary organizations, we are in danger of losing the invaluable contribution that the voluntary sector now makes and its considerable potential for the future.

Yours faithfully,
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November 16.

Have the unions lost their direction?

From Mr P. F. Kilminster

Sir, Have the unions lost their direction as Tom Jackson believes? As the majority of unions were formed for the necessary protection of specific groups of workers, their historical ties with the Labour Government must always take second place to their more immediate, established function to obtain from their respective industries the best deal for their own members.

The successive voluntarily agreed policies on wages may be to the social credit of our union leaders, but it is hardly a natural position for them to be in with regard to their primary responsibility to their members.

Protective groups, whether for business or workers, share the common aim of pursuing their own members' separate needs and interests. This is to be expected in a highly competitive free society.

As a result, there will continue to be casualties. The important weaker groups of workers will tend to fall behind in a free collective bargaining situation then, after attempts are made periodically for them to "catch up" with the aid of union/government "across the board" agreements, it will be the skilled man's differential that drops behind.

To counter this, and accepting the need for continuing government inflation control in wage dealing, there is required an agreed national wages league table whereby the basic rates of all occupations would be standardized and a position or grouping within the table allocated on the basis of the importance of the occupation to the community.

Annual basic pay rises agreed by unions and governments would act on the whole table, leaving room for local negotiations on productivity deals, bonuses, &c.

Until a fair system operates to control inflation on all controllable fronts we will continue to be a divided society and, while I and many others at my work place and elsewhere are prepared to support reasonable inflation control measures, it does not follow that automatic support will be given by union members to the Labour Government on the wages/inflation issue just because of their historical connexions.

No, Tom, the current direction being taken by our unions over free collective bargaining is the traditional and proper one in our free society.

Yours faithfully,
P. F. KILMINSTER,
24 Newton Road,
Cheltenham,
Gloucestershire,
November 17.

From Mr J. E. Humphrey

Sir, Mr Simon Beddoe (November 11) cannot understand why, if we have a commission to operate against monopolies, we permit unions to operate closed shops: and he goes on to list other such industrial wonders of the moment.

There is, I suggest, one and the same explanation for all the absurdities he mentions, which is that the present government has so indulged the unions with a diet of privilege, impunity, political influence and like body-building steroids that both government and people are too scared of the resulting heavyweights to cross them, however odd the consequence.

One sees no deliverence from the sort of economic and industrial nonsense of which Mr Beddoe writes, short of positive resistance to the new despotism, though whether we shall stir ourselves to that without the impetus of some desperate national crisis seems very doubtful in the light of our present (and understandable) timidity.

Yours faithfully,
J. E. HUMPHREY,
9 Offington Gardens,
Worthing,
West Sussex.
November 12.

The Old Vic

From Mr Hugh Manning

Sir, Mr Roy Shaw, in his letter to you (November 9), states that Mr Marius Goring is wrong about his facts concerning the Old Vic Theatre. The one indisputable fact is that before the National Theatre Company opened at the Old Vic Theatre in 1962, the Arts Council was funding an Old Vic Theatre Company. At that time the late Lord Chandos, who had been a government spokesman on these matters in the House of Lords, and who was then Chairman of the National Theatre Board, gave assurances to British Actors' Equity that when the National Company moved to the South Bank, the Old Vic would be free "to pursue its own course". How can it do this now that the subsidy previously given to the Old Vic Company has been lost and the funding given to the National Theatre?

Mr Shaw does well to remind us that the Arts Council does not fund theatre building but theatre companies. Isn't it a fact, however, that approximately one-third of the expenditure at the National Theatre is incurred in the maintenance of the building, and however this cost is shown in the accounts, some of this money must be coming from the Arts Council—money which could well be spent for additional production in the National Theatre, and in restoring subsidy for a company at the Old Vic Theatre?

Is the Arts Council now saying that it will not fund any company at the Old Vic Theatre and that so far as it is concerned the theatre can be left to die? If so, a new meaning has been given to the words "a theatrical scandal".

The fate of the Old Vic Theatre should not be discussed in the sterile terms of "robbing Peter to pay Paul". The Old Vic Theatre housed the National Company which took over these subsidies for 13 years, but it never was or set out to be a mini-National. It was a people's theatre in its own right encouraging young and regenerating old talent, not only on the Waterloo Road but in its latter years under the direction of Michael Benthall in extensive tours round the regions. The Prospect Company during its short tenure at the Old Vic has demonstrated that it is capable of maintaining this tradition both in London and in the regions.

Mr Shaw has gone on record as saying that the Arts Council has not only a duty to fund a community theatre and vital pioneer work by the companies in the regions; it also has a duty to give regions access to the high arts of the classical theatre. The Prospect Company since it was originally based in Cambridge has been doing this for a long time and Mr Shaw must know as well as I that for such a company to maintain its standards and continue to attract performers of the highest quality, a permanent base is essential. It cannot exist only on tour. The Old Vic Theatre provides that base, and if the Arts Council is serious in its intention to provide the regions with theatre of this quality, it should fund the company not only on tour but also at the Old Vic Theatre.

In 1976, when I was President of British Actors' Equity, along with my brother officers I signed a letter to *The Times* which read: "If assurances are to be honoured, the money must be found. British Actors' Equity is determined to awake government and local authorities to its responsibilities." It seems that that duty is still with us.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH MANNING,
Councillor and former President, 1975-78,
British Actors Equity Association,
8 Harley Street, W1.
November 20.

Arts sponsors

From the Warden of Goldsmiths' College

Sir, Now that the debate on commercial sponsorship for the arts seems to be reaching its end, may I try to sum up the main points of disagreement?

Some correspondents argue that, since commercial organisations do not have to give money for the arts and the Arts Council exists precisely to do so, the Council should be content with much less acknowledgment. But the Council, in calling for roughly equal acknowledgment, is not speaking for itself; a public body cannot presume *amour propre*.

Rather, the Council is recalling that it is the custodian of taxpayers' money, money which doesn't *have* to be set aside for the arts any more than do commercial funds. That money is made available year in, year out.

For some of the major performing companies the taxpayers' annual subvention amounts literally to millions each, or to more than 50 per cent of their total annual expenditure. Thus, any one of their productions has a bidden subvention of about half its costs from the taxpayers—the great majority of whom, incidentally, will never be able to see, say, grand opera.

As the guardian of their interests the Arts Council, though traditionally content with a small printed acknowledgment, naturally must object to the wholesale appropriation of particular performances which some commercial sponsors, themselves contributing relatively small sums, are now beginning to expect.

One of your correspondents, in defending this practice, compared the very much more blatant acknowledgments to sponsors which are now common in sport. Certainly, one has come to wonder how long it will be before Carmen performs, chest heaving, in a T-shirt advertising some brand of cigarette much favoured by rising executives.

The essence of the dispute is the definition of *due* recognition. The Arts Council believes, and has clear evidence, that latterly some acknowledgments to commercial sponsors have been excessive and do violence to that much greater, continuing, taxpayers' support. The simple fact is that some managements have thoughtlessly or nervously conceded extreme practices, and some commercial sponsors have obtained from them an unjustifiable degree of acknowledgment.

The Arts Council is suggesting that both sponsors and management should think more carefully. The history of British practice in this matter has some good precedents and they are not altogether wanting today, as for example in the cards announcing the Royal Academy's current *Gold of El Dorado* exhibition. The list of promoters is decently ordered and the commercial sponsors have equal billing with the Academy.

Commercial sponsors have rights to proper recognition. If, when it is pointed out that some have claimed and been given unjustifiable recognition, those firms then threaten to pick up their ball and leave the pitch, the arts will be well shot of them. Fair dispute is one thing; veiled threats another.

More responsible sponsors will recognize the justice of the Arts Council's case and will give graciously, not only for the improvement of their own "public image", but for the good of the society we all inhabit. They will seek and should have their proper dues; no more and no less.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HOGGART, Warden,
Goldsmiths' College,
New Cross, SE14.
November 15.

Dylan's 'friends'

From Mr Paul Ferris

Sir, Stanley Reynolds, in his kind notice (November 11) of my television play *Dylan*, says I was a friend of Dylan Thomas. I wasn't. I met him once for two minutes. It doesn't really matter, except that thousands claim his friendship, and I can't.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL FERRIS,
5 Aneurin Way,
Sketty,
Swansea.
November 13.

Sick prisoners and parole

From Mr Bruce Douglas-Mann, MP for Merton, Mitcham and Morden (Labour)

Sir, May I add to Mr O'Dell's comments (November 18)? Your editorial of November 17 contains an allegation against John Stonehouse which has never been the subject matter of a criminal charge and for which, so far as I know, there is no supporting evidence or justification. You refer to "the disappearance of £600,000 from the Bangladesh Fund (of which he was a trustee)". Inquiries which I have made reveal no grounds whatever for suggesting that any of the money gathered by hundreds of self-appointed collectors for this fund in 1971 (in the immediate aftermath of the invasion of what was then East Pakistan by West Pakistan) disappeared after it reached the trustees. The trust, the purpose of which was not charitable but to provide resources for the government in exile, was set up as a belated attempt to ensure that at least some of the large amounts being collected reached their intended destination, and did not stick in the hands of the collectors; this attempt was only partially successful, but the fault for that does not lie with John Stonehouse or the other two, highly reputable, trustees.

It would be unfortunate if this error were to confuse the public discussion about parole, and the treatment of sick prisoners, which the case of John Stonehouse has provoked. Of course he should be treated no differently from any other prisoner, but if his case causes us to question the way in which we treat all prisoners, it will have performed a public service.

You say that "the health argument would tell very strongly in favour of parole for any prisoner": but the parole board has no information about a prisoner's health before it. Health is not a factor it even considers. The courts, when passing sentence, certainly take age and health into account, imposing shorter sentences on old or sick men. The parole board should take account of the factors which the court would have considered. This change should be made immediately, for all prisoners.

There should also be an extension of the use of the royal prerogative of mercy on health grounds. At present this is used, on average, only three or four times a year, to release a prisoner who is seriously ill; but usually only in the cases of terminal cancer patients whose death within weeks can be predicted almost with certainty. It is not used, as I believe that it should be, to release from our overcrowded prisons sick men who are likely to die early, but not necessarily immediately, and who no longer represent a threat to society. I believe that John Stonehouse comes into this category.

Whatever may be decided in his case, we need to look again at the way we treat sick or dying prisoners.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE DOUGLAS-MANN,
House of Commons.

Thomas More estate

From Lord Annan and others

Sir, There is a unique opportunity for an important college of London University, namely Chelsea College, to acquire the most historic site in London, being the last remaining part of the St Thomas More estate, visited by Erasmus and known as Marjon in Chelsea.

Alternative plans for commercial development of the site are with the GLC Planning Committee, however. We sincerely hope that the history and the long term educational possibilities will not be sacrificed for purely commercial ends.

The site has an 8-acre campus of rolling parkland, unique in central London, with a Renaissance garden surrounded by such historic buildings as an octagonal library by Blore, a college whose first Principal was the son of Samuel Taylor Coleridge, the poet, and Stanley House, originally built for the nephew of Shakespeare's patron, Ferdinando Stanley, Lord Strange (later 5th Earl of Derby) in the sixteenth century.

Yours faithfully,
NOEL ANNAN, Vice-Chancellor,
University of London,
WOLFENDEN, President, Chelsea College,
SNOW,
WYNNE-JONES,
NICHOLAS SCOTT,
DAVID INGRAM, Principal, Chelsea College,
November 17.

Compulsory seat belts

From Mr David Yates

Sir, To anyone, such as myself working in a busy accident unit the answer to Mr Ronald Bernstein's question (November 10) about the enforcement of seat belt legislation is self-evident.

At some times of the day we have almost as many policemen in the department collecting evidence, as we have patients who have been catapulted through windscreens. A reduction in the latter will release the former and solve Mr Bernstein's dilemma.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID YATES,
Accident & Emergency Department,
Hope Hospital,
Eccles Old Road,
Salford,
Lancashire.
November 14.

An African snowball

From Mr E. H. Cooke-Yarborough

Sir, My son writes from Kenya that on October 20 he and a friend climbed Mount Elgon (14,152 feet), on the Kenya-Uganda border. At the summit, it snowed heavily, and he was able to make a snowball. This he threw, with due ceremony, across the border from Kenya into Uganda.

Yours faithfully,
E. H. COOKE-YARBOROUGH,
Lincoln Lodge,
Longworth,
near Abingdon,
Oxfordshire.

Social Focus

The lobby that just grew and grew

The job of Mr David Stephen as political adviser to Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, continues a remarkable relationship between the Runnymede Trust and the corridors of power. Mr Stephen is a former director of the trust, which is now celebrating its tenth year of work to improve Britain's always volatile race relations.

Mr Stephen's penchant for diplomacy at the Trust is now coming in useful internationally alongside the professionals of the Foreign Office. Much-travelled Mr Stephen is just back from a mission to meet leaders of the two wings of the Patriotic Front, as part of a drive to negotiate a settlement of the world's most explosive race relations issue at present—the future of Rhodesia.

He saw Zanu's leaders in Maputo, Mozambique, and Zapu's in Zambia. The object, in the jargon of jet-set diplomacy, was "to get alongside them" so as to clarify understanding of their views. It so happens that, during Mr Stephen's time at the Trust, Mr Robert Mugabe's wife, Sally, worked there, while her husband was in one of Mr Ian Smith's prisons.

Mr Stephen has been to one trouble spot after another—talking to political parties, black and white, in Namibia and British Honduras. His recent visit to Soweto coincided with proposals that British aid should be channelled to black people in South Africa, a sort of international equivalent of urban aid in Britain, also intended to lessen the prospect of racial conflict. The Trust, among others, has long been pressing for more of it for Britain's inner cities.

The Trust grew out of a lobby which is in direct line from the great human rights campaigns of the past, especially for the abolition of slavery and votes for women. Without the lobby's work, it is doubtful if Britain would have race relations laws in their present form.

The lobby existed before the Trust's formation, working to strengthen what was seen as an ineffectual Race Relations Act passed in 1965: the first of its kind in Britain. A key figure throughout has been Mr Anthony Lester, QC. He brought back from America, where he was a graduate Fellow at Harvard Law School, a belief that human rights legislation, though an unfamiliar concept on this side of the Atlantic, could be adapted for use in newly multi-racial Britain.

In the early 1960s, he worked in the Society of Labour Lawyers to promote this type of legislation they thought was needed. Later he became special adviser to Mr Roy Jenkins, helping to draw up equal rights legislation for women, which Relations Act. While he was working with set the pattern for Britain's last Race



Mr David Stephen

Mr Jenkins, Mr Lester gave up his position on Runnymede's advisory committee. He has since returned to be a trustee.

The Trust's first director, Mr Dipak Nandy, who is to give its tenth anniversary lecture, is deputy chief executive of the Equal Opportunities Commission, the child of the legislation Mr Lester helped to shape.

Mr Stephen came from the education section of the old Community Relations Commission to be Mr Nandy's deputy at the Trust and, when Mr Nandy left, became director. Mr Stephen's successor was Mr Tom Rees, who had been a consultant to the Central Policy Review Staff ("Think Tank") for its race relations inquiry. He is now engaged in developing a programme of research on race relations within the Home Office. He works in the research unit with a responsibility for studies in race relations, social policy, and the criminal process. Mr Rees's successor and present director, Miss Usha Prashar, came to the Trust from the Race Relations Board. "The race relations industry", as it has been called, "is more like a repertory company, where one person in his or her time plays many parts", to adapt the words of a famous, pre-equal rights playwright.

Even during the Conservative administration, the Runnymede connexion was maintained. Mrs Elizabeth Scott, deputy director of the Trust, was married to Mr Nicholas Scott, MP, parliamentary private secretary to Mr Robert Carr, Home Secretary.

The Trust, and people of moderate views in different political parties, embodies the spirit of "Butskellism", taken from the names of Mr R. A. Butler and Mr Hugh Gaitskell. They represented a non-dogmatic, reforming, idealistic middle way. Mr Roy Jenkins, for whom Mr Lester worked, contributed to the same broad stream of thought. Like Lord Boyle, a Runnymede trustee, who also belonged to it, he is now out of British politics. Yet both were brilliant ministers. The "realists" have taken over and a battle has been lost and won, though Runnymede still speaks with a consistent voice. Recently, Mr Gaitskell's daughter, Julia, has done work for it.

The change, with its incalculable political effects, was pin-pointed with prescience by Mr E. J. B. (Jim) Rose and Mr Nicholas Deakin in *Colour and Citizenship*, published in 1969. They then wrote: "If was the late Adlai Stevenson who first formulated the doctrine of the Liberal Hour—the moment when public men of all shades of opinion, from radical to conservative, accept the necessity of a movement in policy on a social problem issue, in the liberal direction. A Rubicon was finally crossed in the spring of 1968. This was when the British Government decided, on grounds which were quit openly those of expediency rather th principle, that it could no longer acce responsibility for certain of its citize because of the colour of their skins."

The authors were referring to the p sage of the 1968 Immigration Act, whi controlled the right of entry of Asia from East Africa with British passpo "At that moment, the liberal rheto with which ministers clothed their pc cies finally ceased to convince. T credibility gap opened; and through walked those who redefined their obj tive in terms of "realism". That is say, the wholesale rejection of all ide ism based solely on what are perceiv as British interests."

Mr Rose and Dr Deakin, who among the Trust's founders, were in sense not wholly right. Mr Robert C later acted, as a Conservative Home S retary, to allow in Asian refugees fr Uganda. But neither he nor Mr Da Lane, the Conservative minister resp sible for immigration, are any longer the Commons. Their then leader Heath is at odds with the direction present leadership has taken. Mr Call han, Home Secretary in 1968, is t Prime Minister.

No one calculates interests m shrewdly than he. But as the confl becomes more bloody in Africa a Britain's interests are at stake, it may good to have people associated with Foreign Office who have served an prenticeship in race relations, howe much Dr Owen may be attacked for idealism and however murderous are so of the men with whom realism demar that Britain should at present deal.

Peter Eva
Home Affairs Correspond

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How universities could put new life into British industry

Earlier this year Sir Rex Richards of Oxford University became the first vice-chancellor of a British university to join the board of a major public company. The significance of Sir Rex's appointment—as a non-executive director of International Business Machines—lies in the fact that such appointments outside Britain, especially in America, are commonplace and considered a vital part of the relationships between universities and industry.

The lack of university/industry collaboration here at home was said by the Select Committee on Science and Technology to be "one of the worst and most damaging examples of British obtuseness". It results in only a small proportion of the country's university graduates taking up jobs in industry—a situation about which Mr Callaghan has voiced particular concern—and too little university research ever finding suitable applications on the production benches.

The select committee thought that the organization of higher education and the attitudes towards both education and industry continued to be determined by the debates of our Victorian forebears. More realistically, Sir Rex Richards traces the problem back to the period of university expansion in the 1960s: "The academic life proved very attractive to students with the right qualifications: that made it very difficult for industry to recruit the top people, and that's when the trouble started."

The result of that new trend was that in the eyes of many industrialists the universities were fast becoming a fellowship of complacent academics cocooned in their ivory towers with little concern for the real world outside. That same view still exists today and not without some justification. The universities for their part, and with equal justification, began to see industry as being interested only in short-term profits, and only in graduates with the ready skills with which to obtain those profits more efficiently.

Today's industry's poor image and low salary levels do little to attract the student looking for his first job. But salaries apart, changing the attitudes of institutions can take decades. Nor is the answer to be found simply in relating degree courses more closely to industrial practice—a move which the universities tend to see as threatening their academic integrity.

"The job of a university", Sir Rex rightly points out, "is to teach the fundamentals of a subject. We don't know enough about applications in industry, and even if we did they would be out of date by the time our students were ready to graduate."

The National Research Development Corporation's managing director, William Makinson, has told the Science and Technology Select Committee that the major obstacle to bringing universities and industry into closer collaboration was "just people". And that is the key. What the two sides now have to do is find the machinery to bring people together on an informal basis because formal committees simply will not work.

The Government already provides the opportunity for one of the best means of co-operation through the Cooperative Awards in Science and Engineering, a programme under which post-graduate students divide their time between university and industry, while their academic and industrial supervisors are brought into contact identifying problems of mutual interest. Industry could and should take on more students under the scheme.

At the same time industry must be prepared to find its own ways of furthering its university relationships. Money might not be the root of all evil if it were used more liberally to sow the seeds for collaboration. It is both a legitimate and efficient means of oiling the wheels. With Oxford being forced to make cuts in its budget for the coming year—and universities elsewhere likely to have to take similar action—grants will be received more gratefully than ever. But patronage has to be the path to participation. As Oxford's industrial liaison officer, Irwin Herrman, puts it: "It's no good a company handing over the money and then sitting back and waiting for something to happen."

Inviting the university's vice-chancellor to join their board of directors was part of IBM's vigorous follow up programme to its cash grant—as were joint seminars, exchange visits and a colloquium which brought together represeatatives from industry, commerce, education and the public sector. And enthusiastic encouragement from the university's Irwin Herrman has clearly played its part in keeping the contracts going.

The collaboration which has resulted between researchers at IBM and the university has produced benefits for both sides. "University groups", says an Oxford nuclear physicist, Frank Harris, "can do their work in a vacuum and find themselves solving the wrong problems. Our work with IBM is helping to keep us on the right track." And for IBM it has meant solving a particular engineering design problem more quickly than would otherwise have been possible.

Mutual advantages have been gained in other areas, too, but they have not all been the kind of tangible advantages that would constitute the returns most industrialists would expect from their investments. By their very nature research and development don't produce those kind of instant results, and the strength of the IBM/Oxford relationship lies in the fact that neither side went looking for them. "It's asking too much to expect every initiative to produce a winner", says the UK managing director of IBM, Eddie Nixon.

Initiatives for further collaboration between the universities and industry need to come from both sides. But because industry by its competitive nature is naturally secretive it finds it difficult to reveal the direction in which its research will need to go. And that in turn makes it well nigh impos-



Sir Rex Richards

sible for the universities know where their research might fit in. So, without nec sarily giving the game aw companies will need to find way of providing some clues they are to benefit at all fr the know-how the universit will be only too keen to m available.

But that is not the only blem industry will have to an answer for. Mr Nixon spe for other chiefs of indu when he says he would like see more of his staff going to university on sabbatical. problem is that the most able candidates do not want risk losing their place on promotion ladder. And th prepared to take the chance often find that their manag are reluctant to release them

"If the company attac more kudos to doing a year university", one IBM manag said, "things might well different".

For their part, the unive ties could encourage the use their premises during holid for industrial courses; and t might well put themselves ward as places where indu could go looking for non-exe tive directors—as IBM di who could bring an impar intellectual discipline into affairs of business.

And if they are to find m common ground in which cultivate their mutual intere both sides will have to sh still more tolerance of other's purpose. Mr Nixon m reflect the hopes of every in the industrial sector when says that one of the best thi collaboration can do is br about a major shift in grad aspirations: "What I would to see", he says, "is the 10 per cent of the universit output thinking naturally ab coming into industry."

That might be expect rather too much. But a m better working relations between the universities and dustry is clearly essential. Industry is to get even hal chance of a much needed re venation, and if Britain's a demics are to play their part making it happen.

Robin Lawranc

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The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 20: Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester was present at the Chopin Commemorative Concert, Guildhall, London this evening.

Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, President, National Association of Boys' Clubs, visited Boys' Clubs in Dundee this afternoon.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 20: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened the new offices and plant of the Northampton Mercury Company Limited at Upper Mounts, Northampton.

Miss Mona Mitchell was in attendance.

Memorial services for Professor Arthur L. Goodhart, QC, will be held at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, at 2.30 pm on Thursday, December 7, and in London in Lincoln's Inn Chapel, WC2, at 4.30 pm on Tuesday, December 12.

A memorial service will be held for Professor G. C. Cheshire in Lincoln's Inn Chapel at 5.00 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 1978.

Miss Joan Plowright will open the YWCA Christmas Fair at 11 am tomorrow at the Europa Hotel, Grosvenor Square, London, W1. Lady Grade is chairman of the fair committee.

The Joint Committee of Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian Women's Organizations' Christmas Bazaar will be held at the Latvian Welfare Fund Centre, 72 Queensborough Terrace, W2, on Saturday, November 25, at 11 am.

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Furniture Makers' Company
The Furniture Makers' Company held their annual ladies' dinner at Merchant Taylors' Hall yesterday. The Master, Mr John Perring, presided and the other speakers were Miss Mildred Head, president of the National Chamber of Trade, and Mr John Radford.

Service dinner

The Royal Green Jackets
The Royal Green Jackets Territorial and Volunteer Reserve dinner was held at Clothworkers' Hall last night. Marshal of the RAF Sir Neil Cameron, Chief of Defence Staff, was the principal guest and the Rt Hon Richard Wood, MP, Honorary Colonel, presided.

Supper party

Byron Society
Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester was received by the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs at a Chopin commemorative concert given at Guildhall yesterday evening at which Mr Albert Ferber was the pianist. Afterwards, at a supper party given by the Byron Society, the Anglo-Polish Society and the Chopin Society, the Earl of Lytton, President of the Byron Society, presided. The Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Mrs Ronald Gardner-Thorpe and Mrs Kenneth Ballard, attended. Among others present were:

The Apostolic Delegate, members of the Diplomatic Corps, Judith Countess of Listowel, the Earl and Countess of Longford, the Countess of Lytton, the Bishop of London and Mrs Ellison, Lord and Lady Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Lord and Lady Abinger, Lord and Lady Aldenham, Lady St Oswald, Lord and Lady Layton, Lady Alexandra Metcalfe, Lady Caroline Lytton, Lady Daly, Sir Charles and Lady Stirling, Mr Patrick Forbes, Mr and Mrs Anthony Mallet, Mrs Edna Dangerfield, Count S. Grocholski, Count K. Grocholski, Mr and Mrs Rowmund Piłsudski, ... Sztachelski, ... Mrs Lucia Sorabji, ... Mr and Mrs John Tyndall, Mr J. G. Allen and Count and Countess Andrew Skarbek.

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...of Gloucester, president, Association of Boys' sits clubs in Edinburgh, Bo'ness, 11.30; visits Galleries of Scotland,
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...lexandra, patron, Cen- ...hool of Speech and Drama, opens new production studio of school, Embassy Theatre.

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent attend Sports Aid Foundation candlelight ball, Savoy Hotel, 8.10.

Exhibition: The Gold of El Dorado, Royal Academy, Piccadilly, 10-6.

Flower show: Royal Horticultural Society Hall, Westminster, 11-6.

Recitals: Regent Sinfonia—Vivaldi concert, Holy Sepulchre, Holborn Viaduct, 1.15. Brass Ensemble, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, 1.10. Organ, St Lawrence Jewry, 1.

Gallery tour: Life between the tides, British Museum (Natural History), 3.

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£750 each: I. M. Bourne, Exeter Univ: Mrs G. Derwent, Bedford C. London: J. V. P. Gordon, Southampton Univ: P. P. Lohain, Qu Mary C. London: Miss C. M. E. Nicholes, Qu Mary C. London: H. R. Persaud, Leicester Poly: R. I. S. Tunbridge, Dorset Inst of HE: £550 each: R. S. Davis, Leicester Univ: P. C. Fortune, Leeds Univ: A. E. Radevsky, Southampton Univ.

Frank and Burrita Gahan Scholarship of £800: D. Abrahams, Sidney Sussex C. Cambridge. Yarborough-Anderson Scholarships of £100 a year for three years: W. H. Henderson, Trinity C. Cambridge: J. R. I. King, Hatfield C. Durham: S. R. Pickles, Sidney Sussex C. Cambridge: Ashworth Scholarships of £100 a year for 3 years: Miss J. Belson, St Hilda's C. Oxford, S. H. Jones, New Coll. Oxford. Cecile Yahuda Scholarship of £210: I. D. Grainger, Univ C. Oxford.

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...Blakemore, MA (Cantab), ...ff), university lecturer in ...y and fellow of Downing Cambridge, has been Waynflete Professor of ...y from October 1, 1979. ...succeed Professor D. ...ge, who is retiring.

...COLLEGE. Honorary fellow- ...fessor J. Boardman, MA, ...rofessor of classical archae- ...l art.
...HURCH. Official studentship: ...n, BSc, PhD (Edin). Open ...: R. A. J. Munday, com- ...Senior Exhibition: C. J. ...commoner (English). J. R. ...nd M. F. How, commoners ...history, divided equally; ...scock, A. P. Citron, W. N. ...d M. F. W. Boyd Mounsell. ...s (PPE). Bostock exhibition ...natics: D. N. Halliwell, com- ...Hawkins Scholarship: S. J. ...ademical clerk, E. T. Warner ... D. Chadwick, commoner. ...Alderson-Smith, commoner. ... Borio, open scholar, N. ...men scholar.
...COLLEGE. Honorary fellow- ...Peter Pears, former com- ...ellowship by special election: ...ankin, ME, MSc (NZ), DSc ...l), MA, DPhil.
...'S COLLEGE. Caspard Exhibi- ...L. Newman (biochemistry). ...Scholarship: S. D. Lebus ...history).
...ULS COLLEGE. Mr D. P. ...BA, BCL, Hertford College ...elected to a fellowship.

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...cturers: S. R. Engleman, BS. ...(community medicine), F. D. ...e, MD, ChB (obstetrics and ...gy).
...: J. F. Rowland, BA, CA ...ing and business method): G. ...MVSM (animal health): J. C. ...BA, and A. J. Pettenburg, ...(archaeology): J. A. Cooke, ...onomy): C. L. Pritchard, MA ...mical engineering): J. Herd- ...A (English literature, creative ...M. Hammer, BA (fine art): ...Graham, BSc, PhD (geology): ...ero, MD, PhD, and D. Ellis, ...D (physiology): C. G. Fair- ...MA, BM, BCh (psychiatry): ...Roberts, MDS (restorative den- ...S. E. Woolman, LLB (Scots ...L. Clark, BSc (social ad- ...tion): A. J. Barnard, MA, PhD ...anthropology); Miss S. ... ...MA, VetMB, BSc (veterinary ...): Miss J. L. Sutton, BVetMed ...ary pathology); Mrs L. ... ...Sc, DPhil, and Miss P. ...PhD, BSc (zoology).

...atural Environment ... has awarded a ... ...ree years to ... ...d Dr F. D. ... ...taxonomy ... ...hyphomycetes.

Durham
Promotions
A. D. Martin, to a personal chair of physics; W. Harrison to a personal chair of Russian; C. E. B. Cranfield to a personal chair of theology; P. R. May to a personal readership in education; G. A. L. Johnson to a personal readership in geology.
Appointments
Dr J. A. Tuck, honorary lecturer in history; A. J. Slade, MSc, lecturer in computing; G. J. Alred, MA, lecturer in education.
Grants
SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL: £15,360 to Dr P. M. Braiden for an investigation into the stresses generated in metal cutting tools and their effect on tool failure; £16,060 to Professor B. H. Bransden to investigate equivalent potentials for electron scattering by atomic systems at intermediate energies; £21,052 to Drs K. E. Turver, R. J. O. Reid and A. A. Watson for estimates of cascade developments in large cosmic ray showers from central density measurements 1978-80; £31,200 to Professor H. Marsh to investigate dynamic loading and stability of journal bearings; £15,550 to Professor T. C. Waddington for chemisorbed species studies by inelastic neutron scattering.
PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT (OMAN) LTD: £70,000 to Professor H. Bowen-Jones in aid of the Durham University Khabourа Development Project.
NATIONAL RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: £15,000 to Dr D. L. H. Williams for photochemical synthesis.
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL: £42,500 to Dr J. C. Coulson for ecological studies on viruses of birds.
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT: £86,332 to R. K. Brown to investigate employment in the inner city—attitudes, aspirations and opportunities; £47,305 to Professor R. J. Cramp to investigate environmental processing.
MANPOWER SERVICES COMMISSION: £20,356 to Dr D. W. Rhind for an information system for monitoring and analysing local employment trends: a pilot investigation in the northern region.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY: £34,800 to Professor P. Abrams to study patterns of neighbourhood care.

Strathclyde
Grants:
£39,081 from the Social Science Research Council to Professor M. J. Baker for research on innovation and marketing strategy.
£69,280 from the United States Army Procurement Agency Europe to Professor I. N. Sherwood to study the influence of lattice imperfections on the chemical reactivity of solids.
£35,224 from the SSRC to Professor Angela M. Bowey to study white collar employee responses to introduction of productivity incentive reward schemes.
... from the Science Research ... to Dr T. N. Baker for applica- ... scanning electron microscopy ... with a crystal spectro- ...
... the Muscular Dystrophy ... Britain to Dr A. L. ... of immuno- ... be involved in ... factors affecting allelochemic levels in African tropical ecosystems and the behavioural adaptations of herbivorous primates in response to them.

Kent
Appointments
Senior lecturer: R. G. Burns, MSc (Wales), PhD (Lond), microbiology. Lecturers: J. G. Bousfield, BA (Sussex), MA (Rutgers), philosophy; T. C. Blagg, MA (Oxon), archaeology; J. G. Sarsby, BA, PhD (Lond), social sciences; R. D. Eager, BSc (Kent), MSc (Essex), computing. Visiting professors: C. B. Ketcham, BA (Mount C), BD (Drew Theological C), PhD (St Andrews), professor of religion, Allegheny C, philosophy; G. H. Stahl, BA (Williams C), MA (Brown), PhD (Columbia), professor of philosophy, Colorado, philosophy; J. B. Wolf, BA (Oberlin), MA, PhD (California), professor of history, Colorado, history; E. M. Loventhal, AB, PhD (Harvard), associate professor of history, Boston, politics and government.
Research Fellowships: M. G. Albrecht, BSc, PhD (Lond), chemistry; M. F. Fahmy, MSc (Assuit), PhD (Leeds), electronics; P. D. Gilbert, BSc (Dund) and M. D. Parks, BSc (Sheff), MSc, PhD (Warwick), biology; E. J. Wilcox, BSc, PhD (Kent), chemistry; K. Durkin, BEd (Nott), M. E. Dewey, BA (Hull), J. A. Dyson, BA (Wales), M. Tysoe, BSc (Nott), M. A. West, BSc, PhD (Wales) and J. A. Williams, BSc (Brist), social psychology; R. Geffen, BA (Kent), sociology and social anthropology; J. McQueeney, BSc (Aston), accounting and industrial relations.
Tutorial fellowships: E. J. Carter, BSc (CNAA), electronics and B. R. Wild, BSc (Lond), physics.

Wales
UWIST:
Lecturers: N. R. Devereux, applied economics; Dr M. J. F. Poole, business administration and accountancy; Dr S. P. Bentley, civil engineering and building technology; R. R. Churchill, law; J. K. N. Gibson, law; E. G. John, mechanical engineering and engineering production; Miss J. Griffiths, optometry.

Hull
The Department of Employment has awarded a grant of £32,650 to Mr Brian Showler for research into the selection methods used by employers to recruit young people.

Leeds
The following honorary degrees will be awarded at a ceremony to be held next May:
LLD: Lord Hunt, President of the National Association of Probation Officers and President of the Royal Geographical Society; Lady Seear, member of the Top Salaries Review Body.
LittD: Professor M. E. Howard, Chichele Professor of the History of War, Oxford; Dr Quentin D. Leavis, literary critic; Dr W. Taylor, Chairman of the Universities Council for the Education of Teachers.
DSc: Mr S. P. S. Andrew, FRS, formerly ICI senior research associate and group manager, catalysis and chemical research; Dr D. Irvine, Vice-Chancellor of Guyana University.
MA: Mr E. J. Reed, Former Clerk of the Clothworkers' Company.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. Brown
and Miss A. K. D. Osborne
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs F. Brown, of Woodchurch, Kent, and Kim, daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs A. F. Osborne, of West Wittering, Sussex.

Mr G. W. Clarry
and Miss C. I. Durlacher
The engagement is announced between Gordon Wilson, son of Mr and Mrs H. E. Clarry, of Vancouver and Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Cynthia Irene, daughter of Mr Basil Durlacher, of Cape Town, South Africa, and Mrs Barbara Durlacher, of Swerford, Oxfordshire.

Mr J. F. Coulson
and Miss J. K. Rahardt
The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr D. J. Coulson and Mrs Coulson, of Pocklington, York, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E. K. Rahardt, of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Mr S. D. Draycott
and Miss R. A. Shah
The engagement is announced between Simon Douglas, youngest son of Mr Douglas Draycott, QC, and Mrs Elizabeth Draycott, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Rukhsana, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. A. Shah, of Harrow, Middlesex.

Mr C. E. Furness-Smith
and Miss P. M. Botto
The engagement is announced between Charles Edwin, son of Mr and Mrs J. G. Furness-Smith, of Trinidad, and Patricia Mary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T. L. Botto, of Derbyshire.

Mr R. H. James
and Miss E. Bowyer
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of the late Mr Percy James and of Mrs Edith James, of 6 Marine Point, Worthing, Sussex, and Elisabeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Paget Bowyer, of Peake House, Corfe Castle, Dorset.

Mr R. J. P. Morton
and Miss N. Rocha
The engagement is announced between James, only son of Judge and Mrs Alastair Morton, of 53 Eaton Terrace, SW1, and Nuria, daughter of the late Señor Don Antonio v. Rocha and of Señora Dona Carmen Perez de Rocha, of 157 Stonecrest Drive, San Francisco, and of Barcelona and Manila.

Mr R. D. Pendry
and Miss R. H. Birch
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Dr and Mrs Eric Pendry, of Bristol, and Rosamund, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Birch, of Hampstead, London.

Mr R. B. Sylvester
and Miss L. B. Bewley
The engagement is announced between Roger Balfour, youngest son of the late John Barton Sylvester, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Mrs Margaret Hayes, of Nairobi, Kenya, and Lindy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Bewley, of Box 5356, Dubai, UAE, formerly of Nairobi.

Marriages

Mr G. F. B. Manley
and Mrs C. M. F. Barbieri
The marriage took place on Saturday, November 18, in Hereford between Mr Bruce Manley, son of the late Mr Ivor Manley and of Mrs Ivor Manley, of Bacton, Herefordshire, and Mrs Charlotte Barbieri, daughter of the late Mr J. H. S. Lucas-Scudamore and of Lady Patricia Lucas-Scudamore, of Kentchurch Court, Herefordshire.

Mr J. M. C. Easton
and Mrs J. Bartman
The marriage took place on Thursday, November 16, between Mr J. M. C. Easton and Mrs Joan Bartman.

Birthdays today

Mr John Boulting and Mr Roy Boulting, 65; Mr John Fernald, 73; Dr Michael Grant, 64; Air Chief Marshal Sir Theodore McEvoy, 74; Brigadier Lord Strathеden and Campbell, 79; Earl Waldegrave, 73; Mr Malcolm Williamson, 47; Viscount Younger of Leckie, 72.

Royal Television Society

The Royal Television Society has awarded six fellowships to the following members:

Mr John Baldwin, Head of the Video colour section of the Independent Broadcasting Authority for an outstanding contribution to television development, particularly in the digital field. Mr Jeremy Isaacs, director of programmes, Thames Television, for an outstanding contribution to journalism. Mr C. R. Longman, for his contribution both to television and the Royal Television Society. Mr Aubrey Singer, managing director BBC radio, for an outstanding contribution to programme development. Mr W. N. Sproson, for his contribution to research and development. Dr P. Whitaker, first director, Birmingham University television unit, for a contribution to development of educational television and to Royal Television Society.



The Prince of Wales being greeted by Mr James Callaghan before a luncheon yesterday to discuss the Prince's interest in voluntary service among young people and a series of industrial visits he is to make.

Strong market for English drawings

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Phillips yesterday held their most successful sale English watercolours and drawings; it totalled £44,510, with 2 per cent unsold. The success underlines the strength of the middle-range market, drawings costing between £400 and £500.

One of the first lots to be offered was a morocco album containing about thirty amateur watercolours of wild flowers and birds, at £1,050 (estimate £300 to £500). They date from the Jane Austen era, when every young lady could turn her hand to watercolours; they are the work of a Mrs David Murray, who announces that the series was finished by January 1, 1800. The drawings are competent but clearly amateur.

The end of the nineteenth century was also in demand, with a blossom-decked Berkshire cottage by Helen Allingham at £900 (estimate £400 to £600) and a late Italian view by Albert Goodwin, "Sunday in the vale of Bormio", of 1904 at £880 (estimate £300 to £500).

Benjamin West's historical paintings have long been dismissed as too boring although he was American, anything American tends to be expensive. The £2,300 (estimate £600 to £800) paid by Moreton-Morris for his Old Testament scene, "Thou art of 1784 the man", in ink and wash, shows that his popularity is returning.

The returning popularity of Thomas Rowlandson, the immensely prolific early-nineteenth-century caricaturist, was also underlined. A standard rural scene, "Outside the inn", in pencil, ink and colour wash, was sold for £1,400 (estimate £400 to £600).

Sotheby's sale of Irish glass at Slane Castle, co Meath, yesterday brought enthusiastic bidding. The great period of Irish glassmaking, the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, was well represented.

Th Ulster Museum paid £580 (estimate £300 to £400) for a decanter and stopper engraved with festoons by B. Edwards of Belfast, dating from about 1800; it also paid £320 (estimate £200 to £300) for a richly cut Waterford glass garniture comprising two covered vases and a centrepiece.

The Cork museum spent £460 (estibate £200 to £300) on a decanter of about 1820 engraved with a band of stars and a sun-burst motif, with the impressed mark of "Waterloo Co Cork". It also bought an engraved decanter and stopper of about 1800 with the impressed mark of the 'Cork Glass Co" at £330 (estimate £200 to £300), a cut-glass jug also attributed to the Cork Glass Co at £280 (estimate £100 to £200) and a Cork decanter engraved with two large sprays of roses at £130 (estimate £100 to £200).

The top price in the sale was £950 (estimate £500 to £700), for a pair of George III Irish cut-glass and gilt-metal table candelabra. The sale totalled £23,55, with only seven minor lots unsold; the sale had been expected to realize about £15,000.

Sixteenth-century lute music was the biggest moneymaker in Sotheby's London music sale. Four works, all published in Venice and bound in one volume, made £2,600 (estimate £1,200 to £1,800). The works of Bach as published by the Bach Gesellschaft between 1851 and 1859 in 60 volumes made £1,400 (estimate £750 to £1,000). *A first edition of the full score* of Mozart's Don Giovanni in poorish condition made £650 (estimate £200 to £250). The sale totalled £20,839, with 3 per cent unsold.

Sotheby's sale of antiquities made £38,224, with 7 per cent unsold. A sale of Greek and Russian icons at Chirstie's made £132,210, with 14 per cent unsold. A "Nativity" painted in fifteenth-century style, probably a Palekh School piece of about 1900, was unsold at £2,500, leaving the £2,000 (estimate £1,800 to £2,000) paid for a seventeenth-century "Appearance of the Virgin to SS Sergius and Nikon", as the top price in the sale.

TV series on Windsors 'essentially a fable'

Paris, Nov 20

The independent television series on the lives of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor is "largely and essentially a fable based on an incorrect or distorted interpretation of the facts", Mme Suzanne Blum, the duchess's legal adviser, said in Paris today. She added that the duchess had received "hundreds of letters of sympathy" since the series started.

Mme Blum said in a statement that because of the "wave of calumnies" in the "so-called historical series", *Edward and Mrs Simpson*, a historian who holds the late duke's private papers may publish all the documents sooner than he had envisaged; that is to say, before the deaths of all the people involved.

These papers, Mme Blum said, include "the complete correspondence in 1936" between the Duke, then King Edward VIII, and the duchess, then Mrs Wallis Simpson, and "will make known everything that was said" between them at a time when "they were linked only by friendship".

Mme Blum, an executor of the Duke's will and adviser to the duchess, said the Duke had wished to reveal in his memoirs "the complete truth on his relations with Mrs Simpson and with the Establishment.

"He was dissuaded by certain friends, and entrusted the vital documents to a historian for later publication", she said. Mme Blum refused to identify the historian.

She said that Thames Television, who produced the series, had ignored her request for an advance copy of the script. "I understand why now, after having read press reviews of the series", she added.—AP.

Council may change name

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

Hammersmith Borough Council, in London, is to vote tomorrow on whether to change its name. The decision might cost £96,000.

If the council decides by the necessary two-thirds majority to become "Hammersmith and Fulham", that would be the cost of making the change immediately. The council could, however, decide to change its name but keep the cost as low as possible, which would be to an estimated £5,500.

The borough was fromed in 1965 from the former boroughs of Fulham and Hammersmith. Although other names were suggested for the new borough, including Fulham, Olympia, Riverside and Westborough, the Minister of Local Government at the time decided that Hammersmith was best.

After the Conservatives took control of the borough from Labour in the elections last May, the change of name was mooted. If approved it will take effect from next April.

The fuller estimated cost would involve changing street names, remarking vehicles and altering letter-heads. Under the minimum-cost proporsal, statutory changes, such as the preparation of a new seal and the provision of new cheques and rubber stamps, could be brought in.

Nearly half of the 50 members of the council represent Fulham wards. It remains to be seen whether sufficient Hammersmith councillors will be prepared to lose their exclusivity in the cause of borough concord, or whether enough of them are prepared to pay the cost.

Bridge favourites second in Eastbourne Bowl

By Our Bridge Correspondent

Entries had to be closed for the English Bridge Union's autumn congress at Eastbourne when nearly 500 competitors played over a long weekend. Many of the fancied teams for the Eastbourne Bowl failed to survive the qualifying rounds, but the favourites, captained by Boris Schapiro, the former world champion, reached the final and finished as runners-up to R. J. Fleet's team: *Results*: Eastbourne Bowl: R. J. Fleet (Essex), P. Bailey (Kent), D. J. Banks (London), and D. Burn (Cambs), 183; B. Schapiro, R. S. Brock, L. Pavlo, C. P. Lester (London and Sussex), 187; Mrs J. Key (Herts), J. J. Hunt, M. Vale (London), M. J. McBain (Kent), 164.
Burlington Cup: M. Harris (Middx), Dr U. Jacobson, M. R. Sheridan, D. J. Walker (London), 166; M. S. Durrant, S. Jacob, S. Curdy, S. Rogers (Essex), 168; M. R. Pomfrey, D. Huggett (Southern Counties), D. N. Collins, C. Bishop (Kent), 159.
Sussex Cup: P. J. Jourdain, P. Upton, M. N. Hirst, P. J. Shields (Wales), 175; E. Howarth, P. Williams (North-west), M. E. Collins (Kent), A. Scoullar (Surrey), 167.
Lewis Levy Cup: G. Allan, G. F. Chamberlin (Sussex), 852; A. Judge, P. Franklin (Essex), 827; A. Scoullar, P. Williams (Surrey), 806; P. Shields, P. D. Jourdain (Wales), 785.
Mixed pairs: C. M. Summers, Miss J. Ivens (Sussex), 1,361; B. D. Lewis, Mrs J. Wilson (Kent), 1,306; A. A. Bailey, Miss J. Henrikson (Berks and Bucks), 1,298; Mr and Mrs C. J. Platt (Surrey), 1,278 (Flitch winners).

Latest wills

Miss Joan Elinor Thompson, of Great Bookham, left £40,556 net. After a bequest of £500 she left the residue of her property to the Guildford diocesan board of finance, for charitable purposes.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Alton, Mr Bernard Percy, of Hadley Wood, secretary Newspaper Publishers Association, 1936-68, and first secretary, Press Council, 1953-54 .. .. £85,679
Heal, Mr Frederick Thomas Moss, of Highbridge, Somerset £149,395
Lebus, Mrs Edith Anne, of West Kensington £158,744

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, Nov 20, 1953

Mr Attlee honoured

When Mr Attlee on the invitation of the Chamberlain adds his signature to the Roll of Fame at Guildhall this morning the thoughts of the new honorary freeman may well go some 50 years back to Haileybury House in the East End of London. Born in the Britain of the "Two Nations" of which Disraeli had written, Mr Attlee belongs to the once privileged class and as a young Oxford man he threw in his lot with the cause of the underdog. This was a choice cutting across all party distinctions and going deeper into the facts of social life than any argument that was aired on the platforms of the Primrose League or the Fabian Society. No man could be more loyal than he is—and always has been—to party, and very few men are as much respected for qualities that stand outside politics. *Past labourers in the smoky vineyards* of London, as diverse as Shaftesbury and Rosebery, would applaud the honour that is being bestowed on him today. The mould in which he was shaped has been broken—and partly by his hands. Men and women are in danger of being reduced to a dead level and of becoming, in the words of the Poet Laureate of Mr Attlee's youth, "too equal to be free". His readiness to face this grave risk has not lost him the respect of opponents.



Anti-pollution controller: Rear-Admiral Michael Stacey, aged 54, Royal Naval and Nato chief in Gibraltar, who will retire from the Royal Navy to take up the £14,000-a-year pos as director of the new marine pollution unit at the Department of Trade's operations control unit in London in January. Mr Smith, Secretary of State for Trade announced this in the Commons yesterday.
His selection for an initial three-year term involves coordinating anti-pollution measures under a full-time team of eight (our Transport Correspondent writes). The Unit will tackle oil pollution, develop a national plan, cooperate with neighbouring countries and control operations at sea in event of a pollution emergency.
Other appointments include:
The Duchess of Kent to be first patron of the Unicorn Theatre for Children.
Sir Peter Wakefield to be Ambassador to Belgium in January, in succession to Sir David Muirhead, who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

Tower of London

The Jewel House at the Tower of London will be closed to the public on the evening of Saturday, January 27, 1979, and will reopen at 9.30 am on Monday, February 26.

OBITUARY

VICE-ADMIRAL R. M. SERVAES

Service in two world wars

Vice-Admiral R. M. Servaes, CB, CBE, died on November 18 at the age of 85.

Reginald Maxwell Servaes was born on July 25, 1893. He attended Osborne and Dartmouth and went as a midshipman, to the battle-cruiser Indefatigable in 1911. He saw active service during the First World War with the Grand Fleet and the Harwich Striking Force. In 1917, he qualified as a gunnery specialist.

Among varied appointments and service between the wars was that of Fleet Gunnery Officer in the cruiser Lowestoft; in 1928, he was lent to the Royal Australian Navy for two years to assist in gunnery training; he was executive officer of the gunnery school, HMS *Excellent*, in 1934-35, and was Director of Local Defence, Admiralty from 1938-40 when he was made a CBE.

From 1940 to 1942 he commanded the cruiser London. From 1943 to 1945 he was an Assistant Chief of Naval Staff at the Admiralty and was ADC to the King 1944-45. In the closing months of the war he went out to the Pacific as Rear-Admiral Commanding the 2nd Cruiser Squadron and was the senior British naval officer present when the Allied fleet under American command entered Shanghai after the Japanese surrender. Although troubled by ill-health, he later spent some months in the cruiser Bermuda in Japanese waters on the naval side of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces.

From 1947 in which year he was made a CB to 1948 when he retired he was Flag Officer Commanding the Reserve Fleet.

He married, in 1919, Hilda Edith Johnson, by whom he had one son. She died in 1956 and he married, in 1959, Mansel, widow of H. V. Bond.

MR W. K. PYKE-LEES

Mr W. K. Pyke-Lees who was Registrar of the General Medical Council from 1951 to 1970 died on November 15 at the age of 68. Born on December 17, 1909, he was educated at Liverpool College and Wadham College, Oxford.

After a spell with the London County Council he was appointed Assistant Secretary of the General Medical Council in 1937 and with the exception of a break from 1940 to 1945 when he was seconded to the Treasury he spent the rest of his professional career with the General Medical Council, being promoted to the Registrarship in 1951 and holding the post to his retirement in 1970.

Superficially a somewhat austere figure, some might even say prim and proper, he was a stickler for etiquette law and procedure, an essential attribute of the Council's Registrar in those days when the wind of change was beginning to blow. In these latter days the Council had been subjected to much criticism, not always justified. Conservative it may have been but it served both doctors and patients well and played no mean part in adjusting the medical curriculum to the rapid advances that have been achieved in medicine in these somewhat tempestuous post-1945 years.

The Council owes a tremendous debt to its Registrar for helping to maintain it, from president, down to the most junior member, on an even keel. The centenary of the Council occurred in 1958 during his Registrarship and to mark the occasion he wrote an admirable history of it entitled the *History and Present Work of the General Medical Council*.

"Off duty" he was no mean poet and under the pseudonym of Peter Leyland produced a pleasing book of verse entitled *The Naked Mountain*. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the English Association from 1950 to 1962 and was joint editor of *The English Association Book of Verse*.

He married, in 1944, Joan Warburton, daughter of G. F. Stebbing. They had two daughters.

MR R. C. HUTTON

His Honour Judge Irvine writes:

With the death of Robert Crompton Hutton on November 16, a chapter of legal and Gloucester county history has ended. He was born in 1897 into a legal family: his grandfather was a County Court judge; his father was Recorder of Lichfield and Chairman of Gloucestershire Quarter Sessions; and his uncle was Lord Roche.

Proud of his education at Winchester (as was often visible from a well-worn tie) and at Trinity College, Cambridge (where he had rowed in the 1st Trinity Eight), he served in World War I with the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars and the Royal Corps of Signals.

In 1923 he was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple, and quickly acquired an extensive practice on the Oxford Circuit. Though in private life his mien was of an old-fashioned country squire, professionally he was a doughty advocate, an astute lawyer, and a devastating cross-examiner. He eventually gained well-merited distinction as Recorder in turns of Oswestry and Reading, and for nearly 30 years as Deputy Chairman and later Chairman of Gloucestershire Quarter Sessions.

On the Bench he proved himself a shrewd judge of character, and among the firmest, if the justest of judges. At the Bar, erect, with his unruly hair hidden beneath an ancestral wig, a venerable gown, starched *cuffs, and spectacles askew, he* presented a formidable figure: but behind the façade were always discernible his twinkling eyes, his humorous mouth, and his rugged face lit with a kindly smile or creased in delicious chuckles. He had a rare touch with a country jury, talking to them in terms they could understand, and furnishing them with apt and homely illustrations. Having cornered an arrogant witness, his audible aside once delighted a Worcestershire jury: "Now I'll put the ferret down."

Imbued with a deep sense of fair play, he was quite fearless in his pursuit of justice: in the days before the general availability of Legal Aid, many an unrepresented prisoner was sur*prised to hear Robert Hutton*, as prosecuting counsel, put forward all the points for his defence; and he was stout to stand up to any overweening judge.

The epitome of rectitude and integrity, and exacting in the standards he set for himself and expected of others, he was widely revered not merely as the doyen, but as the soul and conscience of the Oxford Circuit. Yet he always remained essentially approachable and understanding: sipping hot milk and munching a biscuit in the robing room, or dining in the bar mess, he always enjoyed the banter and converse of barristers even years his junior, encouraging them with discernment and praise, and making available his fund of commonsense, experience and wisdom. He was unstinting, too, in his many kindnesses and in his friendship.

With his long Circuit connexion, he was a fascinating mine of legal reminiscence. A lover of the countryside, and when younger a keen sportsman, he retained a deep affection for his native Gloucestershire, and had an extensive knowledge of its lore.

Fortunate in over fifty years of happy marriage to Elfreda (the daughter of Colonel W. W. Bruce), at their rambling Harescombe Grange, with the Severn Vale spread out below, the kindliest of welcomes and the most traditional of hospitality always awaited. Among his four children the family links with the law have been maintained: his eldest son is a solicitor, and to his father's pride his third son was recently appointed a Circuit Judge.

Brigadier Eric Edward Mockler-Ferryman, CB, CBE, MC, who served in both world wars and with the Control Commission in Hungary in 1945-46, died on November 18 at the age of 81.

Lady Cecil-Williams widow of John Cecil Cecil-Williams, died on November 5. She was Olive Mary, only daughter of Alderman A. O. Evans, and she was married in 1935. Her husband died in 1964.

Science report

Seismology: gases aid to prediction

Tokyo, Nov 20

A Japanese scientist claimed today that he has developed an accurate method of forecasting big earthquakes on one of the world's most unstable geological faults.

Presenting his findings to a panel of scientists, Dr Ryuichi Sugisaki, of Nagoya University, suggested that such earthquakes can be predicted by monitoring gases which are forced to the earth's surface before a powerful tremor begins.

Dr Sugisaki, an assistant professor with the university's Earthquake Prediction Centre, claimed that the changing ratios of the density of helium, nitrogen and argon, gases which are emitted from the earth's surface by minor subterranean movements, can be analysed to predict a devastating tremor.

Addressing Japan's Earthquake Prediction Liaison Council, a semi-official body of scientists and officials, Dr Sugisaki described how gases were pushed up to the earth's surface when released from rocks by subterranean movements before a big earthquake. "Changes in the density ratios of helium, nitrogen, and argon can be traced, without doubt, to the occurrence of tremors", he said.

He had monitored gases emitted from subterranean water in Nagoya to verify his findings. In the case of six recent earthquakes the ratio of helium to argon and nitrogen rose before a tremor. The ratio between the gases declined after the tremor.

He said the changing pattern of the three gases became more pronounced a week before a powerful tremor, with a magnitude of seven on the Richter scale, devastated the Izu peninsula in Southern Honshu on January 14.

Gases were monitored before the earthquake. In December, one month before the tremor, the ratio of helium to argon was on the decrease. The ratio of nitrogen to argon, which had been increasing during the early part of January, began to decline at a sharp rate one week before the tremor.

Dr Sugisaki said that other experiments indicated that both ratios began to decline before minor and powerful tremors. The rate of decline in the density ratios of the gases could also help scientists predict the potential strength of the tremor.

Japan, which lies astride one of the world's most notorious seismic zones, has long been a leader in seismological experiments to predict earthquakes.

In 1923, an earthquake devastated Tokyo and claimed 143,000 lives. Big or small tremors can be felt in most parts of the country almost every day. Many Japanese families keep an emergency earthquake kit of canned food, water and medical supplies next to their beds.

Living with the knowledge that a powerful tremor will undoubtedly wreak havoc in Japan's crowded modern cities, the Japanese Government has financed an elaborate research programme to establish whether earthquakes can be forecast in time to prevent urban disasters. In most cases the experiments are based on scientific procedures.

In other fields officials have attempted to establish whether the behaviour of animals and fish can predetermine an earthquake. Officials announced later today that Dr Sugisaki's findings will be tested within the national programme.

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BRITISH FUNDS

High 1977/78	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
107	98¾	Treas 11½%	1979	99 15/16	-1/16	11.607	11.302
97¼	84⅜	Treas 3%	1979	93⅜	-⅛	3.149	9.109
95⅝	83¾	Elec 4½%	1974-79	96⅛	-⅛	4.418	8.924
106	92½	Treas 10½%	1979	99⅝	-⅛	10.588	11.400
97½	84⅞	Elec 3½%	1976-79	96⅛		3.641	7.673
106¼	87	Treas Cnv 9%	1980	97⅛	-⅛	9.272	11.349
105¾	88⅞	Treas 9½%	1980	97⅞	-⅛	9.762	11.559
96	83⅞	Treas 3½%	1977-80	94⅜	• ..	3.709	7.386
96¼	83⅛	Fund 5½%	1978-80	93⅜	• ..	5.919	8.663
112	96⅛	Exch 13%	1980	101¼	• -⅛	12.840	12.282
108	92⅞	Treas 11½%	1981	98⅜	-⅛	11.606	12.172
94	77	Treas 3½%	1979-81	90⅛	-⅛	3.866	9.447
104	86	Treas 9½%	1981	95	-⅛	10.285	12.247
97¾	91½	Exch 8¼%	1981	92	-⅛	8.947	11.991
102	92¾	Exch 9½%	1981	93⅜	-⅛	10.189	12.508
92	82	Exch 3%	1981	85⅞		3.507	9.054
113	96	Exch 12½%	1981	100⅛	• -⅛	12.487	12.543
100	83	Treas 8½%	1980-82	90¼	-⅛	9.416	12.304
90	72	Treas 3%	1982	82½	-⅛	3.584	8.986
117	101	Treas 14%	1982	103⅝	-⅛	13.510	12.630
99	87	Treas 8¼%	1982	88	-⅛	9.376	12.466
102	88	Exch 9¼%	1982	89⅞	-⅛	10.327	12.769
97	87	Exch 8¼%	1983	87½	-⅛	10.000	12.733
87	79	Exch 3%	1983	80½	-⅛	3.733	8.604
114	97	Treas 12%	1983	97	-⅛	12.253	12.635
101	87	Treas 9½%	1983	87⅞	-⅛	10.538	12.820
95	89	Exch 10%	1983	93	-⅛	11.200	12.953
93	72	Fund 5½%	1982-84	81¼	-⅛	6.932	10.840
99	77	Treas 8½%	1984-86	87	-⅛	10.131	11.757
83	67	Fund 6½%	1985-87	75	-⅛	8.651	11.129
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾%	1985-88	79	-⅛	10.019	11.851
[illegible]	[illegible]	Trans 3%	1978-88	61	-⅛	4.902	9.292
[illegible]	51	Treas 5%	1986-89	64	-⅛	7.878	10.772
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13%	1990	104⅛	-⅛	13.048	13.052
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¼%	1987-90	76⅞	• -⅛	10.749	12.024
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11¾%	1991	95⅛	-⅛	12.840	13.151
[illegible]	54	Fund 5¾%	1987-91	63⅛	-⅛	9.164	11.435
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12¾%	1992	101⅛	-⅛	13.146	13.225
[illegible]	84	Treas 10%	1992	84	-⅛	12.274	12.965
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12¼%	1985	86⅛	-⅛	13.088	13.234
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12½%	1993	99⅛	-⅛	13.180	13.273
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 6%	1993	66⅛	-⅛	10.080	11.863
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13¾%	1993	102⅛	-⅛	13.441	13.387
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14½%	1994	110⅛	-⅛	13.354	13.411
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12½%	1994	97⅛	-⅛	13.217	13.321
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9%	1994	77⅛	-⅛	11.683	12.347
[illegible]	97	Treas 12%	1995	93⅛	-⅛	13.000	13.245
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gas 3%	1990-95	43⅛	-⅛	6.889	10.112
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10¼%	1995	84⅛	-⅛	12.615	13.025
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12¼%	1995	97⅛	-⅛	13.156	13.209
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9%	1992-96	76⅛	-⅛	12.088	12.676
[illegible]	101¼	Treas 15¼%	1996	112	-⅛	13.717	13.589
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 13¼%	1996	100¼	-⅛	13.265	13.273
[illegible]	[illegible]	Redmptn 3%	1986-96	43	-⅛	7.046	9.927
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13¼%	1997	101⅛	-⅛	13.342	13.338
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10½%	1997	84⅛	-⅛	12.796	13.098
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾%	1997	73⅛	-⅛	12.195	12.726
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾%	1995-98	59¼	-⅛	11.467	12.397
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15½%	1998	115⅛	-⅛	13.691	13.531
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12%	1998	91⅛	-⅛	13.107	13.212
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9½%	1999	79⅛	-⅛	12.459	12.805
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10½%	1999	85	-⅛	12.921	13.033
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12%	1999-02	93⅛	-⅛	13.224	13.287
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 3½%	1999-04	39⅛	-⅛	10.038	11.358
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8%	2002-06	65⅛	-⅛	12.437	12.669
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 5½%	2008-12	46⅛	-⅛	12.176	12.434
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾%	2012-15	64	-⅛	12.600	12.692
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12%	2013-17	90⅛	• -⅛	13.111	13.122
[illegible]	[illegible]	Consols 4%		31⅛	-⅛	13.107	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	War Ln 3½%		29	• ..	12.034	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 3½%		34⅛	-⅛	10.408	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 3%		23⅛	-⅛	13.127	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Consols 2½%		20	-⅛	12.709	..
24	17⅛	Treas 2½%	Aft 75	19⅛	-⅛	13.038	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
96¼	79¼	Aust 5½%	77-80	95¼	..	5.907	12.391
84¾	65¾	Aust 5½%	81-82	81¾	..	6.763	12.592
67¼	58¾	Aust 6%	81-83	76¾	• ..	7.802	12.284
95	77¾	Aust 7%	79-81	88¼	+¼	8.008	12.582
99	90	Chilean Mixed		99	..	..	..
77½	61½	E Africa 5½%	77-83	71¾	• ..	7.971	13.873
405	197	German 4½%	1930	405	..	..	..
52	28½	Hungary 4½%	1924	46	..	..	..
[illegible]	67¼	Ireland 7½%	81-83	83½	+¼	..	..
[illegible]	44½	Jamaica 7½%	77-79	98½	..	7.993	12.946
410	255	Japan Ass 4%	1910	340	-20	..	..
87½	63	Japan 6%	83-88	64	..	..	..
79½	65	Kenya 5%	78-82	78	..	6.513	14.306
85	69	Malaya 7½%	78-82	85	..	8.830	13.472
96¼	81½	N Z 6%	76-80	93¼	..	6.480	12.632
70	54¾	N Z 7½%	88-92	65	+¼	11.660	13.337
80	69¾	N Z 7½%	83-86	76¾	..	9.686	11.686
91	74	N Rhd 6%	78-81	81¼	..	6.91	[illegible]
91	71	Nyasa 6%	78-81	99¾	..	6.915	13.299
175	132	Peru 6% Ass		145	..	..	..
93½	62	S Africa 9½%	79-81	88¾	..	..	..
70	30	S Rhd 2½%	65-70	54	..	..	..
65	30	S Rhd 4½%	87-92	45	..	..	..
97	44	S Rhd 6%	78-81	56	..	..	..
55	45	Spanish 4%		43	..	..	..
81	67	Tang 5½%	78-82	79½	..	7.312	14.169
98	80	Uruguay 3½%		90	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
27	20¾	L C C 3%	1920	22½	• ..	13.491	..
84½	64¼	L C C 5½%	80-83	80¾	-¼	6.345	11.278
91	76	L C C 5½%	77-81	93¾	-¼	6.373	11.307
73¾	62	L C C 5½%	82-84	77½	-¼	7.266	11.430
70¾	55¼	L C C 5½%	85-87	66	..	8.288	11.880
97¾	81¼	L C C 6%	76-79	95¾	• ..	6.271	12.044
75	52¾	L C C 6½%	90-92	61	..	10.651	12.079
75½	51	G L C 6¾%	90-92	61	..	11.364	13.391
100½	92	G L C 9½%	80-82	99	..	10.659	13.171
103¾	93½	G L C 12½%	1982	98¼	-¼	12.474	13.061
111½	91	G L C 12½%	1983	97½	-¼	12.803	13.194
68½	50½	C of L 6¾%	90-92	61½	..	7.967	12.909
92½	69¼	Ag Mt 7%	91-94	80	..	9.847	13.126
77¾	55¾	Ag Mt 7½%	91-93	64	..	12.335	13.682
74½	52¾	Ag Mt 6%	85-90	62	..	10.891	13.293
91¾	77½	Belfast 6½%	77-80	92½	..	7.335	13.313
94½	84½	Brightn 6½%	76-79	97¼	..	6.646	11.790
90¾	85	Camden 6½%	77-79	99¼	..	6.612	12.097
91½	72½	Croydon 6½%	78-81	85¾	-¼	7.862	12.596
90½	67½	Edin 6½%	77-79	99¼	..	6.587	11.967
[illegible]	60	Glasgow 9½%	80-82	90	..	10.792	13.041
110¼	94½	Liverpl 13½%	1981	101¼	..	13.312	12.900
37	23¼	Met Water B	34-03	27¾	..	21.261	13.011
97	79½	N I 6½%	79-80	92½	..	7.024	13.973
87¾	60	N I 7%	82-84	74	..	9.449	13.941
86¼	65	N I Elec 6½%	81-83	79	..	8.213	13.037
95¾	54	Sthend 9½%	77-79	99½	..	3.320	11.598
87	69½	Swark 6½%	83-86	77½	..	8.785	10.933
94½	77½	Surrey 6%	78-80	92	..	6.316	12.694

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FOREIGN STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
27	40½	Bayer	151	..	15.9	3.1	21.5
30¼	11¼	Commerzbank	£13½	..	45.0	2.6	19.0
38	17⅛	Cp Fin Paris	133	..	156	4.7	10.7
62	41	EBES	£55½	..	301	5.4	..
27	11	Ericsson	£19½	..	59.1	3.0	24.8
27	6	Finsider	11	..	..	..	..
14	4½	Granges	26	..	..	..	..
500	305	Hoechst	313	..	15.9	5.1	16.6
34	8	Montecatini E	13	..	..	..	..
655	470	Robeco fl 5	567	..	29.9	5.3	32.4
550	425	Rolinco Subs fl 5	460	..	..	..	29.4
105	30	Snia Viscosa	40	..	..	..	..
34¾	12	Volkswagen	£19½	..	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	9⅛	Brascan	£10⅞	+⅛	60.5	6.2	3.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	BP Canada	£11½	+⅛			
[illegible]	9½	Can Pac Ord	£14⅝	+⅜	47.9	3.4	9.2
[illegible]	9⅛	El Paso	£11⅛	+⅛	41.7	3.7	21.1
45½	27⅛	Exxon Corp	£30¼	+½			
27	20¾	Fluor	£25½	+¼	65.7	2.8	9.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hollinger	£25⅝		..	..	..
[illegible]	22⅛	Hud Bay Oil	£27½	+⅛	30.8	1.1	29.0
[illegible]	13⅝	Husky Oil	£23⅝	+⅜	..	..	..
24¼	9½	INCO	£11⅛	+⅛	29.9	2.7	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	IU Int	[illegible]	-⅛	47.6	6.6	7.3
[illegible]	15½	Kaiser Alum	£20½	+¼	25.4	4.1	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Massey-Ferg	[illegible]	+⅛	..	..	11.8
17¼	10⅛	Norton Simon	£12½	+¼	47.9	4.0	10.0
[illegible]	20	Pacific Petrol	£36⅝	-1½	..	..	..
[illegible]	17⅛	Pan Canadian	£22⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
317	200	Steep Rock	223	-1	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Trans Can P	£13	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	23⅛	US Steel	£16⅛	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	725	White Pass	[illegible]	..	73.9	2.2	21.0
[illegible]	7½	Zapata Corp	£9¾	-⅛	15.7	1.9	25.1

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
307	185	Alex Discount	240	+2	21.7	9.1	5.5
[illegible]	218¾	Allen H & Ross	320	..	19.1	5.9	7.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Allied Irish	204	• ..	11.9	5.9	4.9
[illegible]	100	Arb-Latham	145	..	15.0	10.4	3.2
[illegible]	150	ANZ Grp	254	..	10.9	4.7	9.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bank America	£17⅝	+⅛	37.0	3.2	12.2
465	292½	Bk of Ireland	400	• ..	24.0b	6.2	5.5
27	11	Bk Leumi Israel	14	..	0.4	2.7	10.4
205	130	Bk Leumi UK	170	..	11.2	6.6	15.2
505	370	Bk of NSW	520	-15	18.7	3.6	11.6
317	[illegible]	Bk of Scotland	278	..	17.5	6.3	7.1
[illegible]	21¾	Bnks Trst NY	£24	+¼	161	6.7	8.9
362	257	Barclays Bank	342	-1	20.3b	5.9	5.4
256	175	Brown Shipley	275	-2	17.4	6.3	7.1
[illegible]	190½	Cater Ryder	235	• ..	23.6	10.0	
[illegible]	17⅛	Chase Man	£22	+¼	114	5.2	10.6
[illegible]	11⅛	Citicorp	£17⅝	..	81.6	7.5	10.6
83	52½	Clive Discount	76	..	7.2	9.7	5.6
232	150	Com Bk of Aust	195	-5	9.5	4.9	7.2
165	117	Com Bk of Syd	149	-2	7.6	5.2	15.1
[illegible]	15¼	CC De France	£20⅝	+½	95.9	4.6	14.7
[illegible]	¾	First Nat Fin	¾	..	..	..	..
13	7	Fraser Ans	13½	-½	..	..	..
210	130	Gerrard & Nat	180	..	11.6	7.6	4.7
58	22	Gibbs A	44	..	7.1	5.4	19.9
277	161½	Gillett Bros	215	..	21.2	10.0	5.3
142	55	Grindlays Hldgs	121	+1	4.2	3.4	4.7
220	[illegible]	Guinness Peat	151	-1	7.7	6.8	9.8
75	12	Hambros Ltd	£17	..	146	6.6	
277	142	Do Ord	161	..	14.0	6.0	7.1
116	74	Hill Samuel	86	• ..	7.6	9.0	7.2
350	207¾	Hong K & Shang	277	-17	7.9b	3.3	16.3
70¾	43½	Jessel Toynbee	60	..	5.5	9.1	..
220	115	Joseph L	160	..	12.0	7.5	7.9
74	21	Keyser Ullmann	47	..	1.0	2.2	6.3
60	42	King & Shaxson	60	..	5.7	9.4	4.9
111	76	Kleinwort Ben	88	..	6.5	7.4	6.4
298	195	Lloyds Bank	255	..	14.5	5.7	5.1
127	92	Mercury Secs	110	..	5.7	5.2	5.4
420	290¼	Midland	342	-3	22.3	6.5	5.1
27	9	Minster Assets	31	• ..	3.7	9.6	5.2
280	168	Nat of Aust	198	-5	9.2	4.6	7.5
91	[illegible]	Nat Com Bk Grp	72	..	4.2	5.8	5.4
298	205	Nat W'minster	264	-3	16.2	6.9	5.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ottoman	£45	..	290	6.5	9.9
[illegible]	45	Rea Bros	58	..	2.5	4.3	11.2
24¾	18⅛	Royal of Can	£22¼	+¼	76.1	3.6	21.5
430	280	Schroders	400	..	17.5	4.4	5.9
290	185½	Seccombe Mar	205	..	20.9	10.2	9.4
[illegible]	50½	Smith St Aubyn	80	..	7.5	9.4	..
452	291	Standard Chart	410	..	29.1	7.1	5.2
[illegible]	212¾	Union Discount	210	..	24.9	7.7	5.1
71	37	Wintrust	60	..	4.7	7.9	15.5

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
96	58	Allied	82½	-½	6.4	7.9	11.3
170	97	Bass Charrington	160	..	7.6	4.7	10.7
264	74¼	Bell A	242	-2	7.3	3.1	9.6
170	54¾	Boddingtons	99	-1	4.0	4.4	13.4
127	64	Brown M	105	..	6.1	5.6	12.6
177	96	Bulmer HP Hldgs	135	-1	4.9	3.6	7.9
179	75	Burtonwood	169	-1	5.2	3.1	10.1
86	40	C of Ldn Dfd	57	..	4.6	8.1	19.7
205	100	Devenish	190	..	9.1	4.8	10.0
214	119	Distillers	195	..	11.0	5.6	9.3
137	50¾	Greenall	119	..	4.2	3.5	11.9
210	152	Greene King	252	-3	12.1	4.3	13.7
198	124	Guinness	149	-1	11.0	7.4	7.0
192	95	Hardys & H'sons	170	..	10.9	6.4	11.4
158	33	Highland	142	-2	4.5	3.4	6.7
132	58	Invergordon	143	..	2.3	1.8	13.3
194	42	Irish Distillers	184	..	6.1	3.3	12.6
84	31	Marston	78	..	2.9	3.7	9.7
72	46	Scot & Newcastle	62½	-½	5.2	8.3	4.6
20⅞	13¼	Seagram	£19⅛	-⅛	41.9	2.2	14.4
70	40	SA Breweries	58	• +1	8.4	11.1	3.1
151	42	Tomatin	122	..	4.7	3.9	15.1
134	57	Vaux	113	-1	6.1	5.4	11.7
104	59½	Whitbread 'A'	100	..	6.1	6.1	6.4
107	60	Do B	101	• ..	6.1	6.1	2.2
96	55	Whitbread Inv	96	..	6.1	6.8	21.8
224	116	Wolverhampton	212	..	9.2	4.3	12.5

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — B

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
122	77	AAH	100	..	9.3	9.3	7.0
45	25	AC Cars	42	..	1.4	3.4	8.8
121½	29½	AGB Research	109	-1	3.8	3.5	17.1
257	134	APV Hldgs	196	..	9.1	4.7	7.2
79¼	45½	Aaronson Bros	66	..	5.3	8.0	6.7
138	62	Acrow	120	..	4.0	3.3	9.0
111	52	Do A	87	..	4.0	4.6	7.2
310	150	Adwest Group	287	-8	15.2	5.3	7.6
130	34	Aeron't & Gen	86	..	3.9	4.0	10.0
62	42	Airfix Ind	47	+1	4.9	10.4	4.5
12¼	7¼	Akzo	£10	..	..	..	..
146	138	Alcan Ord	138	..	15.0b	10.9	4.4
96	89	Do 10½%	£90	..	1050	11.1	..
303	206	Alginate Ind	222	• -2	20.9	9.4	6.5
77	34	Allen E. Balfour	36	-1	6.4	11.7	10.3
52½	23	Allen W. G.	44	-1	3.8	8.6	3.9
100½	44½	Allied Colloids	69	..	2.6	3.7	12.7
74	43	Allied Insulators	60	..	6.5	10.8	4.6
20	7½	Allied Plant	20	..	1.2	5.8	8.7
139	14½	Allied Retail	139	+3	4.3	3.1	17.7
79	19	Alpine Hldgs	67	..	4.2	6.2	17.2
352	210	Amal Metal	280	..	24.7	8.8	11.4
171	57½	Amal Power	131	..	8.8	6.7	3.5
54	21	Amber Day	46	+1	3.8b	8.3	8.3
25	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	24	..	0.8	3.5	4.1
96	41	Anchor Chem	71	-1	6.3	8.9	4.6
71	28½	Anderson Strath	65½	..	4.0	6.0	7.6
95	48½	Anglia TV 'A'	84	..	6.7	7.9	5.9
640	390	Anglo Amer Ind	519	-10	43.1	8.4	5.5
42	22	Ang Swiss Hldgs	30	..	..	..	..
105	49	Appleyard	83	..	9.5	11.4	6.7
51½	18½	Aquascutum 'A'	38	..	2.4	6.3	8.0
60	20	Arenson Hldgs	50	• ..	3.2	6.4	5.3
137	66½	Arlington Mtr	110	-1	11.7	10.6	4.3
77½	38	Armitage Shanks	71	-½	6.5	9.2	12.4
73	39	Armst Equip	63½	..	3.4	5.3	7.5
84	59½	Ass Biscuit	72	..	5.3	7.3	4.9
240	85	Ass Book	235	..	6.8	2.9	7.8
78	48	Ass Brit Food	68	-1	3.6	5.3	7.0
130	68½	Ass Comm 'A'	114	-1	10.0	8.8	6.8
142	92	Ass Engineer	111	..	7.9	7.2	5.7
71	36	Ass Fisheries	43	..	..	..	..
76	28½	Ass Leisure	68½	..	4.8	7.0	6.7
195	121	Ass News	178	..	8.7	4.9	7.9
48	20	Ass Paper	51	..	4.6	9.0	5.4
44	23	Ass Tooling	39	..	3.9	9.9	19.0
68	32	Astbury & Mdley	68	..	3.0	4.5	6.9
59	27	Atkins Bros	54	..	5.6	10.3	6.0
43	17	Audiotronic	18	..	0.3	1.4	..
45	22	Ault & Wiborg	39	-½	3.1	7.8	5.9
101	54	Aurora Hldgs	88	-1	5.2	9.6	4.0
120	30	Austin E.	120	..	5.8	4.9	5.3
90½	30	Automotive Pd	68	..	2.2	3.2	7.1
197	113	Averys	169	-1	9.2	5.5	9.8
225	74	Avon Rubber	176	-1	14.1	8.0	2.6
347	235	B.A.T. Ind	270	..	22.6	8.4	4.9
304	203	Do Dfd	235	..	..	..	..
65	39	BBA Grp	54	• +1	3.8	7.0	5.5
124	71	BET Dfd	109	..	8.8	8.0	6.5
144	87	BICC	124	-2	11.1	8.9	10.6
28	20	BL Ltd	20	..	..	..	..
92	61	BOC Int	67½	..	5.3	7.9	4.9
279	311	BPB Ind	221	-2	11.6	5.2	4.9
68	28	BPM Hldgs 'A'	62	..	4.8	7.7	4.5
45	17½	BSG Int	38	..	3.6	9.3	3.6
151	93	BSR Ltd	85	..	7.5	5.9	5.7
354	149½	BTR Ltd	312	-4	16.7	5.3	10.7
161	70	Babcock & W	147	-2	8.8	6.0	7.3
36	21	Baggeridge Brk	31	..	3.5	11.4	9.5
9¼	3	Bailey C H. Ord	8	-½	0.4	4.4	6.3
194	93	Baird W	168	• -3	14.9	8.9	5.5
123	45	Baker Perkins	116	..	6.5	5.6	3.9
93	29½	Bambergers	72	h -2	5.0	6.9	11.4
174	34	Bambers Stores	140	• ..	2.6	1.8	19.5
70	29¼	Banro Cons	58	-1	3.4	5.8	7.2
16	3½	Barker & Dobson	12	..	..e	..	33.3
264	244	Barlow Rand	260	• -6	27.5	8.7	3.9
174	39	Barr & Wallace	144	+1	5.6	3.9	4.8
170	37	Do A	143	-3	5.6	3.9	4.8
129	59½	Barratt Devs	106	..	12.4	11.9	2.9
54	28	Barrow Hepbn	37	..	2.3b	6.1	6.4
72	33½	Barton & Sons	56	-3	4.6	8.2	5.8
155	60	Bassett G	114	-1	8.7	7.6	5.8
99	29	Bath & P'land	51	..	5.2	10.1	2.9
95	34	Beales J.	41	• -1	4.6	5.7	3.5
202	68	Beatson Clark	176	..	8.7	5.0	4.7
55	25½	Beaufort Grp	55	..	5.0	9.1	9.1
84	48	Beckman A.	74	..	7.6	10.2	9.9
722½	393½	Beecham Grp	600	y -10	31.6	5.3	11.6
83	29½	Bejam Grp	82	+1	2.4	3.9	9.4
55	54	Bemrose Corp	77	..	6.2	8.0	10.2
60½	20	Benn Bros	64	..	4.9	7.6	13.2
211	121	Berec Grp	128	• ..	6.7	5.3	5.7
167	74½	Berisf'd S & W	151	..	6.5	4.3	5.4
66	31	Berisfords	66	+2	3.8	5.7	5.6
175	122	Besobell	143	..	14.4b	10.1	6.4
69	25	Bett Bros	54	..	2.7a	5.0	5.4
293	202	Bibby J.	278	..	10.7	3.8	5.3
56	29½	Bifurcated Eng	52½	..	4.4	8.4	5.4
135	74	Birm'gham Mint	124	..	7.4	5.9	8.1
123	68	Black & Edg'tn	95	• -1	7.1	8.3	10.4
71	39¾	Blackwd Hodge	57½	..	0.9	1.6	..
30	15	Blackwood Mt	21	..	..e	..	12.1
273	122	Blagden & N	239	..	15.2	7.6	10.2
302	252	Blue Circle Ind	293	-1	24.7	5.8	6.5
47	23	Blundell Perm	45	-1	4.8	5.6	8.3
28½	7½	Boardman K. O.	28½	..	1.7	8.9	6.3
66	33	Bodycote	81	-1	3.4	4.2	7.8
300	229	Booker McCon	278	• ..	13.0	4.3	8.1
212	84	B'sey & Hawkes	150	..	8.0	5.0	6.5
161	57	Boot H.	110	..	13.7	12.5	6.1
242	175	Boots	195	-3	5.0	2.6	13.4
97	45	Borthwick T.	57	..	9.4	16.5	7.8
23¼	11¼	Boulton W.	19½	..	2.0	10.3	7.3
214	160	Bowater Corp	175	..	24.9	9.5	8.0
70	34	Bowthorpe Hldgs	69	+1	2.6	3.7	8.2
90	31½	Braby Leslie	66	..	7.3	11.0	3.3
76	54	Brady Ind	66	..	5.3	8.8	..
75	45	Do A	54	..	5.3	9.5	10.4
41	21½	Braham Millar	34	..	2.2	6.5	4.8
45	17	Brand Grp	33	-½	2.2	6.1	5.2
170	67½	Braithwaite	95	..	6.3	6.6	8.8
119¼	29¾	Brammer H.	107	..	4.6	4.3	10.5
59	38	Bremner	48	-2	7.0	14.5	12.1
219	70¼	Brent Chem Int	180	-1	4.8	2.7	15.1
68	25	Brent Walker	49	..	1.9	3.9	20.3
54	22	Brickhouse Dud	47	+1	3.5	7.4	7.2
122	90	Bridon	110	..	9.2	8.5	10.9
41½	27½	Bright J. Grp	34	• +2	3.6	10.6	11.6
51½	29	Brit Car Auctn	49	• +½	3.9	7.8	5.5
264	137	Brit Home Strs	195	• -1	9.8	5.0	15.9
56	34	Brit Printing	47½	..	5.2	11.0	4.5
104	49½	Brit Stm Spec	99	..	7.1	6.0	8.5
158	69½	Brit Sugar	134	-2	7.2b	5.4	3.2
70¼	36½	Brit Syphon Ind	55	• ..	5.0	8.5	3.9
48½	30½	Brit Tar Prod	45	..	3.1	7.0	10.5
124	37¾	Brit Vita	119	..	3.0	2.5	5.2
30	15	Britains	22	..	2.3	10.5	5.5
74	44	Brockhouse Ltd	62½	+1	5.9	9.3	6.0
81	45	Brooks Grp	72	..	5.7	7.9	19.2
765	345	Broken Hill	695	-20	19.0	2.9	28.8
50	35	Brook St Bur	77	..	6.5	9.4	15.6
56	35	Brooke Bond	46½	..	4.6	9.9	6.7
50	17	Brooke Tool	40	..	3.9b	9.4	8.5
158	47	Brotherhood P.	104	..	9.9	9.4	7.6
260	23	Brown & J'kson	205	-2	3.0	1.4	25.3
143	71	Brown & Tawse	125	..	7.2	5.8	7.2
82	22	BRB	47½	..	3.1	7.0	6.0
38	12	Brown Bros Cp	28½	• ..	1.6	6.1	4.8
464	353	Brown J.	396	z -4	24.6	6.4	4.2
124	45	Bruntons	110	..	11.7	10.6	9.8
59	17	Bryant Hldgs	46	..	3.8	8.2	4.4
179	63½	Bullough Ltd	148	..	9.5	6.4	6.0
70	28	Bulmer & Lumb	54	..	4.7	8.7	4.4
120	47	Bunzl Pulp	90	..	7.9	8.8	4.0
97½	25	Burco Dean	70	..	6.2	8.9	7.0
53	22	Burgess Prod	50	• -2	5.2	10.4	4.7
221	64	Burnett H'shire	195	-2	4.3	2.2	5.1
221	64	Do A NV	195	-2	4.3	2.2	5.1
38½	8	Burns Andson	25	• -1	2.2	4.7	4.9
17¼	9	Burrell & Co	9½	..	..	..	15.1
188	130	Burt Boulton	173	..	35.2	8.7	6.5
292	95	Burton Grp	272	..	2.3	2.5	..
284	75	Do A	263	..	2.3	2.4	..
88	30	Butterfld-Harvy	71	+1	3.6	5.0	5.3

C — E

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
33	14¼	CH Industrials	30	..	2.8	10.2	4.2
61½	33½	Cadbury Sch	59½	-½	4.4	8.6	6.9
112	58½	Caffyns	98	..	9.8	9.7	7.3
62	48	C'bread Robey	58	• -2	2.5	4.2	13.1
136	70	Campari Int	94	• ..	3.9	3.2	4.0
82	42	Camrex Hldgs	42	-1	6.0	14.3	3.3
74	26	Canning W.	52	-10	6.0	11.5	4.7
136	92	Cape Ind	227	..	25.0	10.4	3.2
119	37	Caplan Profile	210	..	7.3	6.5	7.1
91¼	50½	Capper Neill	72½	• -1	6.0	8.3	3.7
95	33	Caravans Int	72½	+½	7.3	10.2	2.7
78	35	Carclo Eng	75	..	4.5	6.1	5.7
51	29	Carless Capel	31	..	1.4	4.5	8.6
257	39	Carlton Ind	225	+7	8.3	3.7	8.9
78	30	Carpets Int	56	-1	2.5	4.5	14.2
58	19½	Carr J (Don)	46	..	1.4	3.1	7.1
49½	22½	Carr'tion Viy	34	-½	3.3	9.7	4.3
120	63¾	Carroll P. J.	98	..	9.7	9.9	7.5
38½	13½	Casket S Hldgs	34	+1	1.6	4.5	6.7
27	7	Causton Sir J.	22	..	..e	..	5.4
103	68	Cawoods	136	..	5.6	4.2	9.2
25	12	Celestion	28	-½	1.1	4.1	8.6
110	32¾	Cement Rdstone	96	-2	5.0	5.2	9.2
39½	12½	Cen & Sheer	31	..	1.9	6.2	6.4
300	66½	Centreway Ltd	290	f ..	15.4	5.6	5.4
65	34	Ch'mbn & Hill	65	-1	4.0	6.3	4.5
59½	27½	Chamberl'n Grp	44	• ..	4.6	10.5	4.8
35	20	Change Wares	34	+1	0.9a	6.4	2.1
21¾	15	Do Cnv Cum	19½	-½	1.8	11.7	..
124	91	Chloride Grp	104	..	8.0	7.7	9.9
137	57	Christies Int	131	..	5.3	4.1	21.4
55	27	Christy Bros	49	..	4.2	8.6	4.7
142	97	Chubb & Sons	134	• ..	7.8	5.8	9.2
198	37	Church & Co	163	-2	5.6	3.4	6.5
79	45	Coalite & Chem	69	-1	4.2	6.1	4.9
76	38	Coates Bros	73	• ..	3.6	5.0	7.1
74	45	Do A	69	• ..	3.6	5.3	6.7
81	37	Coats Patons	65½	• -½	5.4	8.3	4.4
135	43	Cole R. H	101	..	5.8	5.7	5.1
101	75	Collett D'son	75	-1	5.2	6.9	5.2
186	99	Collins W.	140	..	7.0	5.0	8.7
186	95	Do A	137	..	7.6	5.1	8.5
78	34	Comben Grp	31	..	3.6b	11.7	6.1
133	56	Comb Eng Strs	107	-2	5.5	5.1	12.1
184	30	Comet Radovis'n	128	-2	3.9	3.0	11.8
27¼	9¼	Comfort Hotels	23	h ..	0.8	3.4	8.5
114	64	Compair	80	..	5.7	7.2	6.4
74½	30	Compton Webb	74	h ..	2.8a	3.8	13.3
27½	10¼	Cook W.	22	..	2.1	9.5	3.2
73½	37	Cope Allman	65	• ..	5.2	8.0	4.5
16	8	Copson F.	16	..	1.2	7.9	7.6
43	16½	Corah	36	-½	3.0	8.2	5.0
144	54¼	Coral Leisure	112	..	9.9	8.8	6.6
81	29¼	Cosalt	57	• ..	3.5	6.1	5.2
258	90½	Costain R.	234	-2	3.6	3.6	7.8
45	8	Countryside	41	..	3.5	8.6	14.3
123	73	Courts (Furn)	103	..	5.4	5.2	6.5
124	73	Do A NV	103	..	5.4	5.2	6.5
139	90	Courtaulds	111	-1	11.4	10.2	10.0
72	30	Courtney Pope	69	-1	3.6	5.2	6.0
75	30¼	C'wan de Groot	62	..	3.4	5.5	4.7
48	21	Cowie T	44	+½	2.7	6.1	3.9
44	14	Crellon Hldgs	14	..	1.8	13.0	..
20½	15	Do 12% Conv	15½	..	1.2	7.7	..
90	28	Crest Nicholson	68	..	5.6	8.2	8.0
60½	30¼	Croda Int	53	..	3.6	6.8	6.4
42	25	Cronite Grp	35	..	3.7	10.6	11.7
83	23	Cropper J.	83	..	2.3	2.7	4.2
117	48	Crouch D.	100	..	6.2	6.2	8.6
77½	35	Crouch Grp	64	..	4.5	7.0	11.4
84	37¼	Crown House	59½	..	5.8	9.7	9.5
147	80	Cum'ns En Cv	£82	+2	373	4.6	..
190	63½	Dale Electric	162	..	4.3a	2.6	15.2
24¼	14	Dana Corp	£19¼	-¼	68.1	3.4	..
140	78½	Davies & New	140	+2	11.3	8.1	21.5
101½	29	Davis G.	92	..	5.0	5.4	3.6
154	75	Davy Corp	139	-1	9.4	6.0	8.1
700	350	De Beers Ind	690	-10	46.4	7.9	11.1
40	21	Deanson Hldgs	40	..	3.2	7.9	9.9
118	64¼	Debenhams	83	..	8.3	10.0	7.0
300	128½	De La Rue	373	• ..	15.5	4.3	6.9
590	233	Decca	415	• ..	18.0	4.3	16.9
535	223	Do A	405	• ..	18.0	4.4	16.5
81½	49	Delta Metal	69	• +1	7.6	11.0	8.6
108	66	Denbyware	108	+1	6.2	7.6	11.6
179	82	De Vere Hotels	150	• -6	7.3	4.9	21.7
77	20¼	Dewhurst I. J.	72	..	2.3	3.2	7.8
25	11	Dewhurst Dent	19	..	..	..	7.3
143	89	DRG	118	..	11.0	9.3	9.3
210	57	Diploma Inv	170	-5	5.8	3.4	9.3
115	28	Dixon D	114	..	5.7	5.0	4.8
178	61	Dixons Photo	126	..	3.7	2.9	6.4
65	20	Dixor	58	..	0.9b	1.8	48.5
122	40¼	Dobson Park	101	..	6.1	6.0	8.2
85	41	Dom Hldgs	83	..	7.0	8.5	12.0
80	47¼	Dorada Hldgs	70	..	7.6	10.9	6.4
105	43¼	Douglas R. M.	85	..	5.2	6.2	5.9
31	17	Dow'd & Mills	29	..	1.8	6.3	9.0
163	52½	Downing G H.	115	..	5.8	7.4	3.5
303	93	Dowty Grp	264	-2	6.8	2.8	13.9
36	13½	Drake & Scull	34½	-½	1.5	4.4	5.3
38	14	Dreamland Elec	32	-1	2.0	6.3	5.9
39½	27½	Dufay	33	-2	2.2	6.5	12.3
121	63	Dunlop Hldgs	63	• -1	8.0	12.7	4.7
24	5½	Duple Int	23½	..	1.0b	4.3	9.2
97½	37½	Duport	63	-½	7.1	11.3	4.3
160	41	Durapipe Int	140	..	6.2	4.4	8.5
54	26	Dutton For	44½	• +½	4.6	10.4	3.4
40	21	Dykes J. Hldgs	35	..	..	..	..
253	129	E M I.	149	• -2	14.0	9.4	21.3
134	29½	ERF Hldgs	116	..	3.6	3.1	2.5
89	35	E Lancs Paper	68	..	5.2	7.7	7.2
100	22	Eastern Prod	77½	-2½	6.5	8.4	2.1
160	36	Eastwood J. B.	158	h ..	5.9	3.7	9.0
265	105	Edbro	221	+1	9.6	4.3	6.8
50	19	Eleco Hldgs	44	• +1	2.9	6.6	4.9
63	32	EIS	56	..	4.7	8.5	9.0
315	44½	Electrocomps	277	-8	4.2	1.5	12.8
29½	15	Electronic Mach	21	..	..	..	..
145	49	Electr'nic Rent	126	-2	7.6	6.0	7.6
163	58½	Elliott B.	146	..	8.1	5.5	5.1
111	66	Ellis & Everard	92	-1	7.6	8.2	18.5
30½	14¼	Ellis & Gold	29½	..	3.0	11.3	11.3
102	37	Elson & Robbins	80	..	5.0	6.2	6.3
21½	10	Elswick Hopper	16	..	1.5b	9.3	4.8
202	83½	Empire Stores	163	..	8.0	4.9	12.9
29¼	4¼	Energy Serv	13¼	• ..	0.5	3.2	13.4
36	22	England J. E.	26	+1	2.2	8.7	5.4
34	22	English & O'seas	22	..	1.1	4.8	8.1
108	30	English Card Cl	94	-1	4.5	4.8	5.1
109	69¼	Eng China Clay	74	..	6.9	9.1	8.2
104	51	Erith & Co	94	..	8.5	9.1	11.8
220	122	Esperanza	135	..	8.6	6.8	11.1
78	42	Eucalyptus Pulp	57	-1	6.4b	11.3	2.4
142	34	Euro Ferries	123	• ..	4.4	3.6	5.9
200	140	Eurotherm Int	177	-1	5.3	3.0	16.8
107	52	Eva Industries	93	..	7.9	8.5	4.3
39¼	12¼	Ewer G.	32	-½	2.1b	6.6	10.2
19½	7½	Excalibur	15¼	-¼	0.6	5.1	5.3
138	65	Exch Telegraph	115	..	8.2	7.1	10.1
97	58	Expand Metal	69	-1	5.8	8.3	7.9

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
115	52	FMC	73	-1	6.1	8.3	9.2
36	7	FPA Cons	35	-1	..	..	7.8
56	29¼	Fairbairn L'sn	65	..	7.7	11.9	5.8
73	37¼	Fairclough Cons	66	..	5.3	8.0	7.7
140	26	Fairview Est	121	..	9.4	7.8	4.4
150	109	Farmer S.W.	137	..	7.7	5.6	7.7
428	81	Farnell Elect	337	-3	10.3	2.9	14.8
53	11	Fed Lnd & Build	51	..	3.6	7.0	13.6
36	23	Feedex Ltd	34	• ..	2.2	6.3	7.2
172	111	Fenner J. H.	154	..	10.5	6.8	10.8
129	45	Ferguson Ind	122	..	9.9	8.1	8.0
67½	19½	Fine Art Dev	60	..	2.8	4.6	12.5
130	50	Finlay J.	97	-1	7.5	7.7	4.6
51½	19	First Castle	38	..	3.4	8.8	10.6
400	283	Fisons	305	• -3	20.2	6.6	6.2
73	45	Fitch Lovell	61	-3	6.2	10.2	8.7
80	20	Fodens	54	..	5.1	9.4	2.8
193	36	Fogarty E.	152	..	4.3	2.8	6.0
29½	19½	Folkes Hefo NV	22½	..	2.1	9.3	4.0
35	16	Ford M.	24½	-½	2.2	9.4	12.2
299	130	Ford Mtr BDR	148	+3	8.3	5.6	15.6
110	33¼	Formminster	101	..	4.2	4.1	7.8
212	121	Foseco Min	159	• -1	7.3	4.6	10.1
184	39	Foster Bros	155	..	4.8	3.1	14.7
48	18	Foster J.	38	..	3.7b	9.8	5.8
109¼	73	Fothergill & H	109	+1	8.9	9.0	9.5
48	26	Francis G. R.	46	..	6.0	13.0	8.8
81	28	Francis Ind	58	• ..	5.0	8.7	3.2
400	227	Freemans Ldn	340	..	9.9	2.9	12.5
76	40	French T.	64	..	4.3	6.6	4.9
41	14	French Kier	36	-1	2.7	7.4	6.3
112	33	Friedland Dogst	95	..	5.0	5.2	6.8
99	48	GEI Int	90	..	6.4	8.0	5.2
64	32½	Gallifd Brindley	64	..	15.8	24.7	5.0
15	7½	Garford Lilley	14½	..	1.2	8.3	5.1
108	67	Garnar Scotblair	101	-1	7.2	7.1	4.8
329	163	GEC	310	-6	6.1	2.0	21.1
104½	96½	Do F Rate	£99½	..	1106	11.1	..
27	12	Gen Eng (Rad)	17	..	..	..	18.3
330	195	Gen Mtr BDR	325	• ..	10.2a	3.2	18.9
204	124	Gestetner 'A'	146	+1	6.3	4.3	5.1
71	33¼	Gibbons Dudley	59	-1	4.0	6.7	2.9
105	35	Gieves Grp	98	• ..	7.5	8.5	5.9
146	90¼	Gill & Duffus	135	..	7.3	5.3	8.4
72	23	Giltspur Ltd	57	..	4.4	7.7	6.0
95	32	Glass & Metal	76	..	4.2	5.6	5.4
32	12	Glass Glover	23	..	1.9	8.3	6.3
667	400	Glaxo Hldgs	522	-3	17.0	3.3	10.7
34	19	Gleeson M. J.	37	..	2.9	7.8	5.7
68	34	Glossop & W.J.	56	..	5.9	10.5	5.9
134	74	Glynwed	100	..	12.4	12.4	8.1
50	39	Goldbg & Sons	72	..	6.1	8.5	12.2
67	41	Gomme Hldgs	66	..	5.0	7.6	13.9
95	48	Gordon & Gotch	85	..	4.5	5.3	7.1
28	21	Gordon L. Grp	22	-1	..	..	18.5
72	47	Grampian Hldgs	65	..	6.0	10.8	14.1
136	42½	Granada 'A'	109	-1	3.1	2.9	11.9
120½	83½	Grand Met Ltd	104½	..	6.7	6.4	8.7
159	77	Grattan W'hse	94	..	8.3	8.9	7.3
349	193	Gt Univ Stores	302	-2	12.5	4.1	12.1
348	178	Do A	299	-2	12.5	4.2	11.9
57½	17½	Greenfield Mill	44	..	2.7	6.2	5.7
72	28	Gripperrods	59	..	4.7	7.9	4.8
304	248	GKN	257	• -1	23.7	9.2	7.6
137	40	HTV Grp	112	-1	14.0	12.5	7.1
128	71	Haden Carrier	106	..	12.2	11.5	24.0
184	35	Haggas J.	154	h ..	1.1a	0.6	11.8
127	65½	Hall Eng	101	..	7.2	7.1	5.6
257	98½	Hall M.	206	-1	10.7	5.2	8.6
47½	9¾	Halma Ltd	37	..	1.1	3.0	6.6
104	39	Hanimex Corp	73	+2	4.4	6.0	4.3
181	100	Hanson Trust	126	-5	10.0	7.9	6.2
31	28	Hardy Furn	34	..	0.3	0.8	..
43	23	Do A	34	..	0.3	0.9	..
82	39	Hargreaves Grp	61	..	4.9	8.0	9.6
52	34½	Harris Sheldon	48	..	4.6	9.0	8.1
125	45	Harrison T.C.	103	• ..	6.4	6.2	6.6
575	278¼	Harrison Cros	500	..	32.5	6.5	16.0
119	52	Hartwells Grp	98	• ..	10.0	10.2	3.0
268	211	Hawker Sidd	219	• -4	6.5	3.0	9.2
[illegible]	41	Hawkins & T'son	65	..	6.1	9.3	4.2
14¾	5½	Hawtin	11½	..	..	..	9.8
199	57	Hays Wharf	175	-1	7.7	6.0	13.3
60	17¼	Headlam Sims	47	• ..	2.5	5.4	3.8
25¾	8½	Helene of Ldn	22¾	..	1.0	4.5	5.3
41	20	Helical Bar	21	..	..	..	76.7
90	32½	Hend'son Kent	70	-2	3.7	5.3	7.1
137½	84½	Henlys	119	..	13.0b	10.9	4.8
12	6½	Herman Smith	11½	..	..	..	..
131¼	72	Hestair	73	• -1	10.4b	14.3	2.8
74	31½	Hewden-Stuart	68	-1	1.8	2.6	8.6
25	11	Hewitt J.	25	..	1.6	6.2	5.7
112	63	Hickling P'cost	106	..	10.9	10.3	5.1
232	99¼	Hickson Welch	195	-1	5.4	2.8	5.2
97	36	Higgs & Hill	64	-1	5.5	8.6	3.6
99	22¼	Hill & Smith	64	..	5.3	8.3	4.0
150	76	Hill C. Bristol	80	..	..	..	25.3
300	71	Hillards	210	-3	7.5	3.6	6.2
89	46	Hoffmung S.	72	-3	6.4	8.9	8.9
72	35	Hollas Grp	64	..	6.9	10.8	6.2
75	34	Hollis Bros	64	..	6.2	10.6	7.8
178	70	Holt Lloyd	154	-1	11.6	7.4	11.3
236	69	Home Charm	205	..	5.9	2.9	14.0
410	199	Hoover	248	..	22.5	9.1	9.6
412	195	Do A	240	..	22.5	9.4	9.3
121	55	Hopkinsons	94	-1	7.8	8.1	5.5
121½	37	Horizon Mid	117	-1½	8.6	7.3	11.9
176	71	Hse of Fraser	146	..	7.5	5.2	10.7
96	28	Hoveringham	87	..	3.5	4.0	7.5
97	21½	Do RV	83	..	3.5	4.2	7.0
32	11¼	Howard & Wynd	26	..	1.0	3.8	6.9
28	10½	Do A	22	..	1.0	4.5	5.7
52	21	Howard Mach	27	..	..	..	..
29¼	17	Howard Tenens	26	-1	2.6	10.0	..
90	44	Howden Grp	81	..	7.1	8.8	7.8
16¼	9¼	Hudsons Bay	£12⅝	..	31.2	2.4	12.7
30	16	Hunt Moscrop	27	..	1.2	4.4	9.8
377	76	Hunting Assoc	250	..	4.9	1.8	9.6
52½	19	Huntleigh Grp	46	-1	1.1	2.4	9.8
118	47	Hutch Whamp	58	-6	..	..	..

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
487	150	ICL	418	-2	21.6	2.8	7.7
139	75	IDC Grp	136	..	13.9	11.1	23.7
69	48	IMI	54	-½	5.3	9.8	6.6
196	74	Ibstock Johns'n	161	-1	6.7	4.6	4.0
445	329½	Imp Chem Ind	360	-1	26.5	7.4	7.9
95	65	Imperial Grp	81½	..	8.6	10.5	6.3
33	17	Ingall Ind	29	..	2.8	9.8	9.8
40	26	Ingram H.	29	..	..	..	29.1
95	51½	Initial Services	86	..	7.6	8.8	6.7
82	41¾	Int Paint	80	..	3.4	4.3	6.4
305	242	Int Thomson	295	..	7.7	2.6	7.9
250	200	Do Conv Pref	230	..	25.9	7.2	..
145	70	Int Timber	120	-3	10.7	8.9	7.6
92	47	Invereak Grp	63	..	7.4	12.0	7.2
11¼	6⅛	Itoh BDR	£8⅝	..	8.6	1.0	..
67¼	29½	JB Hldgs	57	• ..	1.6	2.8	5.4
30	12	Jacks W.	23	..	1.5	6.8	..
75	37	Jacksons B End	65	..	3.0	4.7	8.0
15¾	5½	James M Ind	13½	..	1.5	12.2	9.1
358	149	Jardine M'son	173	-10	6.5	3.8	..
197	96	Jarvis J.	157	..	14.5	9.2	9.3
46	16	Jessups Hldgs	38	• +1	3.0	7.6	4.4
75	43½	Johnson & F B	69	• ..	7.2	10.4	7.2
113	27	Johnson Grp	99	+2	6.3	6.3	7.2
492	307	Johnson Matt	445	..	20.6	4.6	8.6
134	36	Johnson-Richd	86	-1	2.7b	3.2	5.3
189	137	Jones (Ernest)	149	-1	..	..	..
108	42½	Jones Stroud	101	..	7.1	7.0	5.1
45	21	Jourdan T.	38	-1	4.4	11.6	4.2
81	27	K Shoes	70	..	3.8	5.4	6.3
37	19½	Kalamazoo	34	-½	3.2	9.5	6.9
135	36	Kelsey Ind	97	-2	4.9	5.1	4.5
84	49½	Kenning Mtr	69½	-½	6.9	10.0	5.2
44	21	Kent M. P.	41	..	3.4	8.2	6.7
152	32¾	Kode Int	122	• -2	7.4	6.1	6.6
56½	13½	Kwik-Fit Hldgs	50	• ..	1.3	2.7	13.4
137¼	63¾	Kwik Save Disc	82	..	3.9	4.8	10.7
101	63	LCP Hldgs	67	-1	8.2	9.4	6.3
46	29½	LRC Int	33½	-½	4.4	13.2	8.5
156	80	LWT Hldgs 'A'	142	..	13.9	9.8	6.8
216	88	Ladbroke	157	-2	11.8a	7.5	4.6
64	29¼	Ladies Pride	59	..	4.4	7.3	7.5
87	72	Laing J.	73	+1	3.7b	5.1	..
87	71	Do A	73	+1	3.7a	5.1	..
104½	40	Laird Grp Ltd	90½	-1½	4.5b	4.9	6.6
65	43	Lake & Elliot	54	• ..	5.8	10.5	6.5
54	31	Lambert H'wth	48	..	5.0	10.3	6.2
78	28	Lane P. Grp	48	..	5.0	10.2	3.4
131	83¼	Laporte Ind	106	-1	10.7	10.1	10.3
130	63	Latham J.	110	..	11.4	10.4	6.9
134	45	Laurence Scott	103	-1	7.6	7.4	5.1
110	53	Lawrence W.	93	..	10.9	11.7	7.4
72	24	Lawtex	62	• -1	4.8	7.8	2.6
177	129	Lead Industries	148	..	11.5	7.8	6.0
62	36	Le-Bas E.	41	..	2.9	7.1	..
25	13¼	Lee A.	23	..	2.3	9.8	5.0
180	22	Lee Cooper	170	+2	3.7	2.2	6.4
172	60¼	Leigh Int	114	..	6.6b	5.7	14.3
117	45½	Leisure C'van	106	..	5.1	4.8	13.6
49	27	Lennons Grp	33	..	2.5	7.7	6.6
283	113	Lep Grp	243	..	5.2a	2.2	6.9
97	57	Lesney Ord	76	..	4.5	5.9	5.4
187	70	Letraset	131	-1	8.2	6.2	7.8
91½	42	Lex Services	76	+1	6.8a	9.0	5.3
195	31¼	Liberty Ord	170	..	4.4	2.6	9.4
59	33	Lilley F. J. C.	67	..	3.9	5.8	6.2
61	30	Lincroft Kilg	49	-1	5.5	11.8	2.7
151	58	Lindustries	130	..	13.6	10.5	5.5
197½	100	Linfood Hldgs	131	-2	14.2	10.9	6.5
39	19	Linread	31	• ..	3.7	12.0	4.9
61	22	Lister & Co	49	-1	1.5	3.1	6.7
79	64	Lloyd F. H.	69	..	8.9	12.8	6.3
21¼	9	Locker T.	18	..	1.3	7.3	6.9
19¾	9¾	Do A	17¼	..	1.3	7.7	6.6
120	58	Lockwoods Fds	103	..	6.2	6.0	5.8
110	40	Ldn & M'land	103	..	10.1	9.8	7.7
43½	23	Ldn & N'thern	30½	-½	3.3	8.4	10.6
95	39	Ldn Brick Co	66	-1	5.1	7.9	5.6
217	94	Ldn Prov Post	202	..	15.0	7.4	7.6
76	31	Longton Trans	69	..	5.8	8.4	4.4
87	56	Lonrho	60	-2	10.0	16.7	3.6
92	38	Lonsdale Univ	82	-1	7.7	9.4	5.5
74	24	Lookers	51	..	3.9	7.6	2.7
120	44	Lovell Hldgs	100	-5	5.9	5.9	4.7
200	120	Low & Bonar	170	..	17.3	10.2	5.4
337	204	Lucas Ind	298	• +1	13.7	4.6	5.0
159	47	Lyons J. Ord	151	h ..	11.5b	7.6	..

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
146	39½	MFI Furn	141	..	3.3	2.4	6.1
241	87	MK Electric	201	-5	8.9	4.4	6.3
246	45	ML Hldgs	165	..	6.6	4.0	11.1
77	37	MY Dart	56	• ..	3.6	6.5	6.1
313	138	McCorquodale	265	..	23.5	8.9	7.5
49	15	McInerney Prop	32	-1	3.0	9.5	8.8
19	10	McCleery L'Amie	15	..	0.3	2.0	..
49	25	Mackay H.	45	..	4.9	10.9	21.2
102	60¼	McKechnie Bros	91	• ..	8.3	9.1	6.1
32½	12½	Mackinnon (Scot)	46	..	2.5	5.4	6.0
60	31	McNeill Grp	31	f ..	..	..	..
81	37	Macpherson D.	78½	..	4.5	6.1	7.5
155	79¼	Magnet & Sthns	130	-3	9.0	6.9	7.1
56½	29	Mallinson Denny	50	• -½	4.2	8.3	6.4
94	50	Man Agcy Music	94	..	8.6	9.1	7.2
293	177	Man Ship Canal	266	..	23.8	8.9	14.3
100	14	Mang Bronze	56	• ..	3.1	5.6	2.6
25	8½	Maple Hldgs	21½	..	..e	..	..
166	108	Marchwiel	110	..	7.6	6.9	..
93	47½	Marks & Spencer	84	..	3.3	4.2	16.2
99	46	Marley Ltd	68	..	3.8	5.5	6.0
37	9¼	Marling Ind	36	+½	1.6	4.3	8.2
58½	31	Marshall Cav	46	..	6.6	13.8	8.1
32	27	Marshall T Lox	44	..	3.9	8.2	2.9
53	26	Do A	45	-1	3.9	8.7	2.7
180	95	Marshalls Univ	140	..	10.4	7.6	4.6
97	45	Martin-Black	45	-1	3.0	6.6	..
290	93½	Martin-News	206	..	11.0	5.3	4.9
230	91	Martonair	210	..	9.0	4.3	11.6
93	48	May & Hassell	67	..	4.6	6.9	22.9
150	60	Maynards	130	..	6.2	6.3	9.3
31	13	Mears Bros	19½	..	..	..	81.3
36	10½	Medminster	36	• ..	3.0	8.4	9.5
110	50	Melody Mills	95	..	4.9	5.2	7.6
17	9	Mentmore Mfg	19½	• ..	1.4	8.2	13.4
200	38	Menzies J.	195	• ..	4.0	2.1	9.9
382	248	Metal Box	300	..	22.3	7.4	4.8
109	65	Metal Closures	100	..	6.7	6.7	8.3
55	12½	Metalrax	47	..	1.7	3.7	9.1
77	28	Mettoy	46	-1	3.5	5.4	4.6
98	44	Meyer M. L.	85	..	7.1	8.5	6.6
45	19½	Midland Ind	39	..	1.6	4.0	5.7
60	17¼	Milbury	54	..	3.6	6.7	4.4
205	25	Mills & Allen	202	-1	11.4	5.6	5.5
118	24	Mining Supplies	110	+1	1.9	1.7	15.0
49	36½	Mit Cotts Grp	42	..	5.2	12.3	5.6
69	24½	Mitchell Somers	51	..	2.4	4.7	3.9
76	43	Mixconcrete	62	..	5.1	8.2	10.0
56	22¼	Modern Eng	48	..	4.2	8.8	10.4
135	97	Molins	130	..	11.1	8.6	9.7
108	23¼	Monk A.	96	..	5.3	5.5	3.4
50½	33	M'santo 3½% Ln	£46	..	500	10.9	..
59½	40	Do 6% Ln	£84	..	825	11.6	..
220	94	Do 5% Cnv	£102	..	500	4.5	..
74	35	Monifort Knit	74	..	5.5	7.4	9.3
80¼	21	More O'Ferrall	78	-1	5.0	6.6	9.1
138	86	Morgan Cruc	114	• ..	8.9	7.6	8.1
76	24	Morgan Edwds	73	..	..	..	..
56	24	Morrall Abel	43	..	3.7	8.5	4.6
115	36	Morris & Blakey	109	• ..	8.2	8.7	12.9
92	33	Do A	93	• -1	6.2	7.5	9.8
147	34¾	Moss Bros	124	..	4.8	3.9	20.2
73	48	Moss Eng	66	• ..	6.9	10.6	7.8
218	201	Mothercare	354	• ..	4.6	3.0	15.2
15½	8	Movitex	13	..	0.5	3.9	14.6
144	48	Mowlem J.	104	..	9.9	9.5	8.5
280	127¼	Muirhead	198	..	7.6	4.1	14.2
73	38	Myson Grp	54	..	1.9	3.5	56.8
120	48½	NSS News	95	..	3.1	3.2	8.8
66	37	Nathan B. & L.	57	..	5.1	8.9	6.3
67	35	Nat Carbon	46	..	..e	..	..
42	12	Needlers	40½	..	2.3e	5.6	6.7
49	30½	Neepsend	40	..	4.9	12.2	5.2
94	37	Negretti & Zam	81	..	5.5	6.8	11.7
109	69	Neill J.	85	..	9.7	11.4	4.1
187	45	Newarthill	150	+2	7.3	4.9	4.6
90¼	46½	Newman Ind	77	z -1	9.0	11.6	3.2
72	33	Newman Tonks	63	..	6.1	9.6	5.4
290	88	Newmark L.	255	..	10.2	4.0	7.5
109	51	Norcros	92	..	6.7	7.3	8.3
44	31	Norfolk C Grp	37	..	0.9b	2.5	15.4
49	26	Normand Elec	43	..	4.3	10.0	6.0
142½	34	NFI	128	-1½	9.9	7.7	6.6
116	45¾	Nthn Foods	96	..	5.7b	5.9	11.4
150	22	Norton & Wright	150	+10	3.2	2.1	18.4
39½	6	Norton W. E.	29½	-1	1.2	4.1	8.8
107	52	Norwest Holst	90	..	7.1	7.8	4.1
147	60	Notts Mfg	132	+1	5.1	3.8	7.7
122	49½	Nurdin & Peacck	74	..	2.9	3.9	7.9
33½	17½	Nu-Swift Ind	29½	..	2.5	8.7	13.5

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
107	68	Ocean Wilsons	81	-1	4.4	5.4	7.3
131	85	Office & Elect	117	..	6.4	5.5	7.7
116	50	Ofrex Grp	109	..	4.8b	4.7	9.3
23¾	11½	Ogilvy & M	£14½	+¼	51.7	3.5	10.1
127	43	Owen Owen	114	..	4.5	3.9	10.7
74	7	Oxley Printing	61	-2	3.9	6.5	2.8
96½	37½	Parker Knoll 'A'	86	s +1	3.6	4.2	5.6
124	60	Parker Timber	124	+11	9.2	7.4	6.7
53	14	Paterson R.	39	..	3.5	8.9	6.0
230	126½	Paterson Zoch	190	+2	11.9	6.6	3.3
225	117½	Do A NV	172	..	11.9	6.9	3.0
135	62¼	Pauls & Whites	114	..	6.5	5.7	6.7
287	203	Pearson Long	214	..	9.1	4.2	8.8
246	123	Pearson & Son	205	..	11.5	5.5	5.6
37½	24½	Do 4½% Ln	£31	..	400	12.9	..
208	148	Pegler-Hatt	158	-1	11.6	7.4	8.0
29½	6	Pentland Ind	21½	..	1.1	4.9	4.8
111	42	Pentos	93	..	7.2	7.7	5.7
108	63	Perkin El 4%	£83	..	..	..	..
141	30½	Perry H. Mtrs	111	+2	4.6	4.1	3.9
87	40	Petrocon Grp	40	-1	6.9	17.2	5.2
64	31	Philips Fin 5½%	£61½	..	575	11.2	..
31	7⅝	Philips Lamps	£8¾	..	42.1	4.8	..
21	7	Philips Pats	17	..	..	..	13.7
150	67	P'dilly Theatre	115	..	2.7	2.3	32.3
19	11	Pickles W.	17	..	0.7	4.2	11.6
112	54	Pifco Hldgs	90	..	4.6	5.1	6.3
109	52	Do A	85	..	4.6	5.4	5.9
325	136½	Pilkington Bros	275	..	8.8	3.2	7.3
59¾	39½	Pittard Grp	49	+1	4.4	9.0	4.6
102	40½	Plaxtons	102½	+1½	5.4	5.3	8.7
79	31	Pleasurama	68	-1	3.1	4.5	8.6
125	62	Plessey	104	-2	8.3	8.0	8.5
16¼	7½	Do ADR	£14	-½	..	..	..
108	42	Plysu	106	..	2.1	2.0	5.9
264	158	Portals Hldgs	210	• ..	12.3	5.9	8.8
127	51	Porter Chad	90	• -2	8.1	9.0	4.2
74	32	Portsmth News	70	-1	4.6	6.6	6.5
223	119	Powell Duffryn	196	-2	15.2	8.1	4.7
74	30	Pratt F. Eng	68	..	7.8	11.5	5.7
88	32	Preedy A.	78	-1	4.3	5.5	4.9
32	12¼	Press W.	26	..	1.4	5.2	7.0
185	107	Prestige Grp	175	..	8.5	4.8	10.2
285	135	Pretoria P Cem	150	..	17.1	11.4	2.8
97	45	Priest B.	78½	-½	8.3	10.6	4.2
43	18¼	Pritchard Serv	37½	• -½	2.3	6.2	6.2
106	53	Pullman R & J.	98	..	9.0	9.2	6.1
113	37	Pye Hldgs	83	..	5.4	6.5	5.3
73	23	Pyke W. J.	72	-1	1.0	1.4	..
48	23	Pyramid Grp	48	..	3.7	9.3	7.5
22¼	14	Quaker Oats	£16½	-¼	60.9	3.7	9.9
46	6½	Queens Moat	40	..	0.5	1.2	43.5
84	31	R.F.D.Group	59	-2	2.4	4.1	3.6
360	317	Racal Elect	312	-2	5.9	1.9	12.3
393	140	Rank Org Ord	240	-3	12.1	5.0	7.5
81	36½	RHM	51	-½	5.2	10.2	8.1
67	50	RHP	60½	..	5.8b	9.6	7.8
188	96	Ransomes Sims	158	..	13.1	8.3	4.9
83	30½	Ratcliffe F. S.	63	..	5.8	9.6	6.9
79	15½	Ratners	68	-3	3.6	5.4	8.3
101	31¼	Raybeck Ltd	88½	-½	5.1	5.7	10.4
45	23¼	Readicut Int	42½	• ..	2.5	5.8	6.3
158	72	RMC	125	..	9.2	7.3	7.3
530	330	Reckitt & Colmn	435	• -5	37.0	8.9	8.4
90	59	Record Ridgway	77	-2	7.3b	9.7	6.6
338	78	Rodfearn Nat	283	..	24.0	8.5	3.8
106	64	Rediffusion	82	..	7.2	7.9	13.4
172	86	Redland	153	-1	6.4	4.3	7.6
62½	16	Redman Heenan	34	+3	3.1	5.8	3.7
106	32	Reed A.	88	..	4.4	5.0	7.5
106	32	Do A NV	87	+1	4.4	5.1	7.4
80	15	Reed Exec	77	..	4.6	6.0	10.7
230	102	Reed Int	149	• -2	11.9	8.0	7.1
28½	14¼	Reliance Grp	£22⅝	-⅛	80.7	3.5	6.8
55	19	Reliance Knit	55	+1	5.4	9.7	4.7
88	44	Rennies Cons	58	..	5.7	19.3	3.4
164	112	Renold Ltd	130	..	14.5	11.1	7.6
75	35	Rentokil Grp	68	..	2.7	4.0	13.4
49	17	Renwick Grp	45	..	1.5	3.4	4.9
74	17	Restmor Grp	62	..	2.7	4.3	8.3
72	48½	Revertex	60	-1	5.2	8.7	7.2
71	37	Rexmore	66	+2	6.4	9.6	8.3
350	66	Ricardo Eng	285	+1	10.6a	3.7	12.2
96	37	Richards & Wall	80	..	7.1	8.9	5.1
22¼	14	Rich'n-Merrell	£16⅝	-⅛	55.0	3.4	11.6
66	36	Richardsons W.	47	• -1	6.8	14.4	6.3
160	71½	Rockware Grp	117	+1	8.2	7.0	3.5
120	55	Rolls-R Motors	108	-1	7.9	7.3	9.6
82½	26	Ropner Hldgs	41	..	3.2	7.8	5.5
49	24½	Do A	41	..	3.2	7.9	5.5
31	4½	Rotgill Hldgs	25	-1	..	..	7.1
56	30	Rotaflex	40	..	2.5	6.3	5.5
52	29	Rotaprint	37	..	4.4	12.0	3.2
69½	32	Rothmans Int 'B'	59½	-½	3.1	5.3	7.7
89½	40	Rotork Ltd	82	..	1.9	3.6	5.2
190	65	Routledge & K	180	..	6.2	3.2	10.7
33	10	Rowlinson Con	27	..	0.9	3.4	7.1
449	229	Rowntree Mac	388	-2	19.7b	5.1	9.4
170	65	Rowton Hotels	140	..	9.9	6.7	14.8
171	84	Royal Worcs	165	..	10.0	6.1	38.1
45	14	Royco Grp	40	-1	3.0	7.8	11.4
47	19	Ruberoid	39	..	3.5	8.9	9.5
90	46	Rugby Cement	72	..	5.9	8.2	6.8
185	98	SGB Grp	158	..	8.3	5.3	9.3
19	7¼	SKF 'B'	£13½	..	47.9	3.0	4.7
132¼	26	Saatchi	134	+9	5.3	4.0	12.5
40	26½	Sabah Timber	34½	-½	2.5	7.3	4.2
265	130	Sainsbury J.	232	-3	9.4	4.2	8.1
29½	16	St Gobain	£24	..	173	7.2	54.0
167½	58½	Sale Tilney	120	-6	8.0	6.2	7.1
202	58	Samuel H.	177	..	7.6	4.3	10.7
198½	58½	Do A	173	..	7.6	4.4	10.4
70	41	Sanderson Kay	62	..	6.5	10.5	7.5
41	20	Sanderson Mur	28	..	5.2	13.6	7.2
56	27	Sanger J. E.	34½	..	..	..	6.8
119	74	Sangers	80	..	8.8	11.0	7.1
67	30	Savoy Hotel 'A'	84	-1	1.5	2.4	10.2
114	69	Scapa Grp	103	..	9.3	8.0	6.1
305	193	Scholes G. H.	305	+2	28.1	9.2	10.5
92	41	Scotcros	68	• ..	5.0	7.4	6.8
73	14	S.E.E.T.	64	..	2.8	4.3	3.7
47	12½	Scot Heritable	43	• ..	1.4	3.3	3.1
74	25	Scottish TV 'A'	69	..	3.7	5.4	4.9
133	55	Scot Univ Inv	121	..	11.0	9.1	7.8
44½	16¼	Sears Hldgs	36	..	1.9	5.4	13.1
135	47¼	Securicor Grp	120	..	3.8	3.2	9.0
135	43	Do NV	118	..	3.8	3.2	8.8
135	36	Security Serv	122	..	5.3	4.3	7.5
135	33¼	Do A	120	..	5.3	4.4	7.5
41	11½	Sekers Int	34	..	2.3	6.9	5.5
29¼	10½	Selincourt	25½	..	1.9	7.2	3.3
30	18	Senior Eng	24½	+1½	1.9	7.6	7.7
120	44	Serck	78½	-½	9.9b	12.6	6.5
29½	25	Shakespeare J.	27	..	2.9	10.5	5.4
73	13	Shaw Carpets	67	..	3.8	5.7	20.3
101	55	Sheepbridge	63	• -1	6.7	10.7	8.5
14½	3½	Sherman S.	11½	-½	..	..	..
106	62	Sidlaw Ind	84	..	9.1	10.9	9.7
218	113	Siebe Gorman	196	-2	8.6	4.4	7.5
67	30	Siemssen Hunt	52	..	4.7	8.8	6.3
170	148	Signode T'c Cn	£148	..	700	4.7	..
109	28	Silentnight	93	+2	4.4	4.8	4.9
296	129	Simon Eng	295	• -2	12.3	4.8	6.8
120	36	Simpson S.	104	• -2	6.4	6.1	7.3
115	36	Do A	102	• -2	6.4	6.2	7.2
108	31	Sirdar	108	+2	4.7	4.4	6.6
108	54	600 Group	93	..	8.8	9.5	7.9
138	81	Sketchley	125	+1	8.1e	6.5	8.5
41	10	Smallshaw R.	33	..	..e	..	3.7
55	21½	Smart J.	40	+½	3.0	7.6	7.2
107	28	Smith D. S.	80	..	4.0	5.0	7.0
80	36½	Smith & Neph	69½	..	3.9	5.8	8.1
181	87¼	Smith W. H. 'A'	144	-1	3.1	2.2	18.2
220	120	Smiths Ind	209	-1	12.1	5.8	6.2
210	84¼	Smurfit	193	..	13.3	6.9	10.0
32	15	Sobranie	32	..	2.7	8.3	32.7
31	16	Do NV	31	..	2.7	8.8	31.6
63	42	Solicitors Law	51	-1	5.9	11.5	13.9
333	156	Sotheby P. B.	333	+3	12.8b	3.9	13.9
172	111	Spear & Jackson	128	..	14.2	11.1	12.8
245	100	Spear J. W.	170	..	3.1	1.8	5.1
19	7	Spencer Gears	16	• ..	0.9	5.7	6.3
39½	23½	Spillers	31	..	2.0	6.5	7.5
184	70	Spirax-Sarco	158	-2	7.1	4.5	11.9
126½	53¾	Staffs Potts	118	z ..	4.7	4.0	6.3
139	40¼	Stag Furniture	138	+2	7.7	5.6	9.8
40	12	Stakis (Reo)	35	..	1.2	3.3	15.0
175	42½	Stanley A. G.	148	..	6.4b	4.4	11.0
120	41	Startrite Eng	112	..	6.4	5.7	4.5
306	163	Staveley Ind	287	• ..	15.0	5.6	5.6
250	102¼	Steel Bros	190	..	9.9	5.2	6.4
254	138	Steetley Co	175	-2	10.2	5.9	4.3
29	9	Steinberg	22	..	1.3	6.6	12.6
80	30	Stew't & Ll 8%	£47	..	..	..	..
85	25	Stocklake Hldgs	46	..	3.9	8.5	3.3
192	83	Stock J. & Son	145	..	6.8	4.6	4.1
114	60¼	Stonehill	107	..	9.1	8.5	13.4
146	95	Stone Platt	105	..	8.1	5.8	5.1
235	98	Stothert & Pitt	212	• -8	19.2	9.0	3.1
43½	20	Streeters	21	..	2.6	12.2	..
87	54	Strong & Fisher	64	..	7.0	10.9	10.0
41	11	Sunbeam W'sey	41	..	4.3	10.5	5.4
72	39	Sutcliffe S'man	54	..	8.5	15.8	7.2
177	63½	Swire Pacific 'A'	148	-5	..	..	..
154	44	Syltone	140	-2	8.4	6.0	5.3
21	9	Symonds Eng	17	..	2.0	12.0	9.3

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31	9	Tace	25	..	1.9	7.6	4.4
18⅜	6⅛	Takeda Bdr	£16⅝	..	20.2	1.2	46.3
29½	3	Talbex Grp	15½	• ..	0.8	5.3	8.7
220	126	Tarmac Ltd	143	-1	15.6	10.9	6.9
230	165	Tate & Lyle	176	-2	20.4	11.6	4.2
139	70	Tavener R'tlge	74	..	..e	..	10.0
94	43	Taylor Pallis	90	..	6.7	7.4	5.8
304	244	Taylor Woodrow	398	-4	11.6	2.9	9.5
159	56	Tecalemit	128	+1	8.4b	6.6	6.7
43	18	Telefusion	33	..	2.0	6.0	13.4
43	17	Do A	31	..	2.0	6.4	12.6
156	84	Telephone Rent	132	..	9.1	6.9	11.4
87	33	Tesco	61½	-1	2.5	4.8	9.7
35	11	Textured Jersey	35	..	1.5	4.3	8.3
139	81	Thermal Synd	98	..	6.8	6.9	8.3
450	196¼	Thorn Electric	348	-6	17.4	5.0	8.7
28	6½	Thurgar Bardex	22	..	1.2	5.3	7.5
318	144	Tilbury Cont	278	..	30.4	10.9	3.3
147	64½	Tilling T.	120½	-1	6.8	5.7	8.6
209	52	Time Products	167	• -2	7.9	4.7	8.4
20	8	Titaghur Jute	11	..	..	..	..
34	10	Tomkins F. H.	21½	-½	1.5	6.8	6.5
54	31	Tootal	45	• -½	4.3	9.5	5.8
31	16	Toye	30	..	1.9	3.2	7.5
81	23¼	Tozer Kemsley	50	• ..	4.7	9.6	4.4
186	95	Trafalgar H Ltd	115	-1	5.6b	7.5	7.1
82	48	Trans Paper	66½	..	7.5	11.4	9.6
83	45	Transport Dev	66	-1	5.0	7.6	10.6
194	77	Travis & Arnold	162	..	5.9	3.6	7.1
90	23	Tricoville	78	..	3.5	4.4	5.6
81	31½	Trident TV 'A'	50	+1	4.4	8.8	6.3
105	29¼	Triefus & Co	105	+3	2.5	2.7	11.1
105	60	Triplex Found	85	..	7.0	8.3	4.1
250	114	Trust Hse Forte	220	-1	12.4	5.8	9.4
436	311½	Tube Invest	370	..	33.2	9.0	4.5
312	137	Tunnel Hldgs 'B'	280	-3	18.4	6.2	7.3
13½	7	Turner Curzon	9	h -½	1.1	12.5	4.8
233	132	Turner Newall	172	..	17.4	10.1	5.7
142	53	Turner Mfg	143	..	6.1	4.3	5.4
94	37	Turriff	83	..	3.5	4.3	4.3
109	64	UDS Grp	88	-1	8.0	9.1	9.4
192	138	UKO Int	248	..	13.3	9.0	8.0
109	60	Unicorn Ind	97	..	8.6	8.9	7.1
73	42	Unigate	68	..	5.2	7.5	7.8
600	412	Unilever	534	-4	20.8	3.9	9.3
28⅝	20¼	Do NV	£24¼	..	182	6.7	7.8
177	55	Unitech	157	-2	6.1a	3.9	14.1
84	65¼	Utd Biscuit	81	• -1	4.5	5.5	8.1
72	21¼	Utd City Merc	46	• -1	1.3	2.7	5.7
76	20	Utd Eng	64	-2	3.7	5.7	10.9
70	31¼	Utd Gas Ind	60	..	5.6	9.4	6.5
403	198	Utd News	325	-10	22.1	6.8	6.3
348	91¼	Utd Scientific	227	-3	9.1	4.0	9.3
38	19	Valor	32	+1	3.3	6.3	5.0
137	78	Vantona	117	-1	8.1	6.9	5.4
230	98	Vereeniging Ref	200	..	18.7	9.5	5.4
200	84	Vibroplant	182	..	16.1	8.8	10.7
242	144	Vickers	190	• -3	14.9	7.8	6.9
60	26	Vita-Tex	56	..	5.3	9.5	7.3
228	71	Vosper	190	..	7.6b	4.0	7.0
79	37	W Ribbons	52	..	5.0	9.6	4.9
138	70	WGI	121	..	8.8	7.3	7.7
262	111	Waddington J.	180	..	17.1	9.0	10.8
33	14	Wade Potteries	29	+1	1.7	5.8	7.8
160	70	Wadkin	139	..	8.5	7.3	4.9
159	93	Wagon Ind	146	..	11.6	8.3	7.5
132	79½	Walker C & W	117	..	10.0	8.5	4.9
128	32	Walker J. Gold	111	-1	3.6	3.2	6.5
114	32	Do NV	99	..	3.6	3.6	5.8
117	55½	Ward & Gold	90	-1	6.9	7.6	7.8
82	36½	Ward T. W.	70	-1	6.2	8.8	7.7
110	39	Ward White	91	-1	6.1	6.7	4.6
38½	13	Wardle B.	33½	-1	2.0	6.0	6.6
135	44¼	Waring & Gillow	121	-2	5.4	4.5	7.9
67	29¼	Warne Wright	63½	h ..	4.2a	6.7	10.5
65	19½	Warrington T.	47	..	4.7	10.1	17.3
64	21¼	Waterford Glass	54	-1	2.3	4.1	6.7
106	38½	Watmoughs	99	-1	6.1	6.2	7.9
125	69	Watts Blake	115	..	4.4	3.8	11.7
48	23	Wearwell	34	-1	..	..	9.7
88	18	Websters Pub	86	..	2.0	3.7	8.0
150	71½	Weir Grp	99	• -1	5.1	8.2	5.4
39½	21½	Wellco Hldgs	24½	-½	1.7b	6.9	7.3
50	31	Wellman Eng	42	-1	3.6	8.6	6.3
66	22	Westbrick Pds	54	..	2.3	4.2	8.9
85	29	Westinghse Brke	56½	..	3.4	6.0	6.1
60½	30	Westland Air	38	..	4.8	12.7	9.9
9	9	Westminster Inv	9	f ..	..e	..	..
36	15	Wharf Mill	30	..	2.2	10.8	..
34	25	Whatlings	39	..	3.9	10.0	7.5
65	24	Wh'lock Mar	36	-2	..	..	..
107	51	Whessoe	76	..	5.3	9.5	4.2
24	8	Wheway Watson	23	-1	1.3	5.8	7.6
122	41	White Child	108	..	7.0	6.5	7.9
112	64	Whitecroft	104	-1	10.0	9.6	6.7
54	16	Whiteley BSW	28	..	..e	..	..
240	58	Wholesale Ftt	212	..	8.9	4.2	9.1
278	85	Wigfall H.	230	..	20.3	8.9	9.5
37	11	Wiggins Constr	34	..	2.5	7.4	8.1
198	53	Wight Cons	116	..	11.2	9.6	6.6
214	128	Wilkins'n Match	175	-1	15.2	8.7	7.8
104	70	Do 10% Conv	£90	..	1000	11.1	..
54	25¼	Wms J. Cardiff	45	..	4.2	9.1	6.0
63	26	Wills G. & Sons	57	• ..	2.4	4.5	5.9
91½	51	Wilmot Breeden	88	..	4.6	7.9	4.3
47	17½	Wilson Bros	37½	-½	2.1	5.7	6.9
100	39	Wimpey G	78	..	1.0	1.3	7.6
54	24	Winn Ind	46½	..	4.7	10.2	5.8
87	22	Witter T.	46	..	4.8	10.4	10.9
230	92	W'sley Hughes	206	-1	11.2	5.4	6.4
56	13	Wood & Sons	46	..	2.5	5.4	7.9
48	30	Wood S. W.	43	..	6.5	15.1	..
101	63	Wood Hall Tst	81	• -1	8.1	10.0	8.5
127	48½	Woodhead J.	95	+1	5.8	6.1	5.1
52	26	W'dh'se Rixson	29	+½	3.5	12.1	27.1
72½	49	Woolworth	67½	-½	6.3	9.4	12.3
343	240	Yarrow & Co	322	..	7.7	2.4	11.0
75	29¼	York Trailer	46	-1	3.5	7.5	4.4
80	39	Youghal C'pts	35	+1	..	..	..
44	11	Young H. Hldgs	19	..	..e	..	..
63	31	Zetters	52	..	2.0	3.8	7.0

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
265	175	Akroyd & Sm	203	..	25.4	12.5	2.1
410	200	Assam Trdng 'B'	350	..	3.9	1.1	3.3
65	17	Boustead	59	• -1	2.2	3.8	11.8
25	6	Brit Arrow	14	..	..e	..	..
165¾	92½	Challenge Corp	117	..	6.2	5.3	9.1
63	42	Charterhse Grp	58	..	5.1	8.8	13.2
54½	27¼	C Fin de Suez	£46¼	..	..	..	..
397	215	Daily Mail Tst	350	-2	19.4	5.5	19.7
395	210	Do A	347	-3	19.4	5.6	19.5
321	204	Dalgety	303	-1	24.4b	8.0	8.5
46	13	Dawnay Day	37	..	2.6	7.1	8.5
23	8	Edin Ind Hldgs	9	..	0.2b	1.7	..
127	79	Electra Inv	110½	-2	3.2b	2.4	20.4
38	13	Exploration	25	..	0.8	3.4	8.1
85	27	FC Finance	70	..	3.1	4.5	14.1
34	7½	Fitzroy Inv	20½	..	..	..	..
30	14	Goode D & M Grp	17	..	0.2	1.0	..
443	293½	Inchcape	350	-3	22.7	6.5	8.7
129	60	Lloyds & Scot	84	..	6.2	7.4	11.0
35	6	Ldn & Euro Grp	34	..	..	..	..
146	61	M&G Grp Hldgs	126	-1	5.5	4.3	13.3
54	26	Manson Fin	43	..	3.3	12.3	11.3
119	61	Prov Fin Grp	88	..	7.7	8.6	8.0
131	45½	Sime Darby	90	-8	3.0	3.3	13.9
68	37	Smith Bros	54	..	7.5	13.4	8.5
860	631	Tyndall O'seas	821	..	46.4	5.6	..
36	14	Utd Dom Tst	37	..	..e	..	6.6
56½	21½	Wagon Fin	41	..	3.1	7.6	8.6
87½	33	Yule Catto	69½	..	2.8	4.2	8.7

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
131	65	Bowring	108	..	4.7	4.3	..
56	28	Brentnall Beard	34	..	2.8	5.9	10.5
184	112	Britannic	190	..	13.9	9.2	..
173	102½	Com Union	142	-1	12.3	8.4	..
180	107	Eagle Star	136	-1	9.9	7.3	..
194	114	Equity & Law	172	..	10.1	5.9	..
234	161	Gen Accident	204	• -3	12.5	6.1	..
234	175	GRE	214	• ..	16.2	7.6	..
405	188	Hambro Life	380	..	31.4	8.1	..
297	138½	Heath C. E.	249	-3	8.1	3.7	9.8
147¼	83½	Hogg Robinson	123	-2	6.2	5.0	9.5
191¼	126	Howden A.	132	-2	10.4	8.0	7.3
194	108	Legal & Gen	138	-2	9.0	6.5	..
150	91¼	London & Man	129	..	10.2	8.5	..
185	57	Ldn Utd Inv	171	-2	6.4	3.7	9.8
286	160	Matthews W'son	170	..	14.5	8.5	7.9
217	100	Minet Hldgs	180	..	5.6	3.1	11.2
79	43	Moran C.	56	+1	5.0	9.1	4.1
282	192	Pearl	230	..	19.1	8.3	..
282	188	Phoenix	220	• -2	16.8	7.6	..
143	100	Prov Life 'A'	140	..	12.8	9.1	..
143	100	Do A Br	140	..	12.8	9.1	..
137	100	Do B	132	..	12.8	9.7	..
137	100	Do B Br	132	..	12.8	9.7	..
180	118	Prudential	137	-1	10.6	7.7	..
154	94	Refuge	132	..	10.5	8.0	..
480	290	Royal	350	• -3	26.3	7.5	..
475	224	Sedg Forbes	410	f ..	16.2	4.0	13.1
113	80	Stenhouse	93	-1	6.4	6.9	7.0
682	380	Sun Alliance	494	• -4	32.2	6.5	..
117	65	Sun Life	97	-1	5.2	5.4	..
183	112	Trade Indem'ty	170	..	13.4	7.9	..
310	198	Willis Faber	250	..	14.1	6.1	19.5

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
156	104	Aberdeen Tst	128	• -½	4.0	3.2	21.6
250	166	Alliance Trust	205	..	10.8a	5.2	25.0
53½	31½	Amer Trust	49	-½	2.1	4.3	39.4
114	78	Ang-Amer Secs	91	..	4.6	5.0	27.5
92	52	Anglo Int Inv	40	..	4.0	12.1	12.0
189	87	Do Asc	151	..	..	..	..
53	31	Anglo Scot	42	• ..	2.5	6.0	23.0
142½	93½	Ashdown Inv	119½	..	6.1	5.3	28.4
74	35	Atlanta Balt	51	..	0.5	1.4	84.1
115	49	Atlantic Assets	101	..	0.6	0.6	..
69¼	40	Atlas Electric	58½	..	2.9	4.9	28.4
65	39¼	Bankers Inv	55½	+½	3.6	6.9	21.4
78½	40	Berry Trust	71½	• +½	7.6	2.2	57.2
68	41½	Border & Sthrn	56	• +½	1.1	2.0	34.6
46	30	Brit Am & Gen	39	..	2.6	6.7	22.8
87½	49	Brit Assets Tst	69	• ..	3.9b	5.6	28.0
12½	7½	Brit Emp Sec	11½	..	1.0	9.0	14.4
178	116	Brit Invest	161	• ..	7.2	4.5	33.6
171½	109½	Broadstone	138½	..	8.0	5.8	25.6
116½	63	Brunner	93½	..	5.8	6.2	26.0
79½	43	CLRP Inv	62	• ..	3.1	5.0	28.1
280	187	Caledonia Inv	240	..	11.9	5.4	22.9
83	56	Caledonian Tst	78	-½	13.3	17.4	44.4
90	52	Do B	73	..	..	..	..
141½	91	Capital & Natl	118½	..	7.4	6.3	..
135½	84½	Do B	110½	..	..	..	..
134½	73	Cardinal 'Dfd'	104½	..	6.1	5.9	..
133	85½	Carliol Inv	103½	..	5.8	5.4	24.8
74	46	Cedar Inv	62	• ..	4.1	6.6	21.7
86	40	Charter Trust	52	..	3.3	6.4	23.4
92	34	Clydesdale Inv	78	-½	3.0	4.0	38.5
88	49	Do B	72	..	..	..	..
14½	8½	Common Mkt	£14	..	34.8	2.4	..
216½	152½	Cont & Ind	179½	..	9.9	5.6	26.8
204	102	Crescent Japan	178	..	..	..	..
84	48	Crossfriars	77	..	5.8	7.3	20.3
31¼	14½	Cumulus	28½	-1	1.2	4.3	34.9
165	50	Delta Inv	150	..	..	..	..
232	133	Derby Tst 'Inc'	208	+2	21.6	10.5	17.6
170	56	Do Cap	155	..	..	..	..
145	100	Drayton Com	122	..	8.8	5.5	25.7
165	115	Drayton Cons	132	• ..	7.8	5.9	24.4
216	150	Do Premier	177	-1	10.2	5.7	24.6
74	40½	Dundee & Ldn	59½	..	3.6	6.1	23.1
142	65	Edin Amer Ass	170	..	1.7	1.3	71.4
249	164	Edinburgh Inv	218	..	10.4	4.8	30.4
87	50	Elec & Gen	72½	..	2.4	3.2	39.6
97½	62½	Eng & Int	80½	• ..	5.7	7.0	19.3
87	54½	Eng & N York	79	..	4.6b	6.5	26.1
92	38½	Estate Duties	76	..	2.9	3.8	38.9
111½	69	First Scot Am	85½	..	4.3	5.1	28.8
191	117	Foreign & Colnl	180	+1	6.7	3.6	42.3
193	98	Gt Japan Inv	176½	+½	3.0	1.7	85.7
192½	100	Gen Funds 'Ord'	166	..	7.4	4.3	45.7
150	78	Do Conv	138	..	..	..	..
118	74½	Gen Inv & Tsts	99	..	6.2	6.3	21.3
99	68	Gen Scottish	83½	• -½	5.0	6.1	24.2
111	64	Glendevon	90	• -½	2.8	3.1	50.6
131½	71	Globe Trust	112	..	8.2b	7.3	19.4
85	49	Grange Trust	74	..	5.3	4.5	25.7
135	73	Great Northern	96	..	6.1	6.3	24.3
101	61½	Greenfriar	92½	..	2.2	2.4	51.4
87	55	Gresham Hse	73	..	4.6	6.2	11.3
89	57	Guardian	72	• ..	4.3	5.9	25.4
109½	61	Hambros	94	• ..	5.6	6.0	24.4
204	122	Hill P. Inv	189	..	12.5	7.2	21.4
91	42	Hume Hldgs A	73	..	7.1	9.8	15.9
69½	38½	Indus & General	49¼	..	2.8	5.6	26.3
84	52	Internat Inv	73	..	4.2	5.8	23.9
179½	122	Invest in Suc	153½	..	4.6	3.0	46.9
83	39½	Inv Cap Trst	79¼	-1	2.9b	3.9	41.2
182	103½	Jardine Japan	160	..	1.3	0.8	..
209	103	Jersey Ext	164	..	..	..	..
105	66	Lake View Inv	85	• ..	4.0	4.7	31.8
115	68	Law Deb Corp	96	..	7.2b	7.7	19.8
146	84	Ldn & Holyrood	109	..	8.7	8.2	30.4
209	130	Ldn & Montrose	176	..	8.8	5.0	29.5
121	84	Ldn & Prov Tst	106	..	5.4	5.1	31.2
79½	17	Ldn Merch Sec	62	..	1.2	2.0	..
76	28½	Do Cap	61	..	..	..	..
76	44	Ldn Pru Invest	74	..	4.4	6.3	26.1
117	82½	Ldn Trust	99	• ..	6.9b	7.0	23.6
47	26	Mercantile Inv	38½	..	2.0	4.9	29.2
82	55	Merchants Trust	68	..	4.4b	6.5	25.7
110	60	Moorside Trst	93	-1	7.6	8.2	19.0
23½	11½	New Throg 'Inc'	15	..	2.3	15.0	11.5
161	34	Do Cap	125	..	..	..	..
107	74½	North Atlantic	95½	..	4.6	5.6	25.8
114½	71	Northern Amer	91	..	4.6	5.0	29.4
130	84	Northern Sec	124	• ..	5.2	4.3	27.4
66	48	Oil & Associated	35	..	2.2	6.2	25.6
134	85	Pentland	109	..	6.1	5.6	26.5
78	56	Progressive Sec	59	..	4.2	7.3	19.8
140½	88	Raeburn	111	..	5.8	5.2	26.4
192	109	River & Merc	161	..	12.1	8.1	16.2
182	83½	River Plate	139	..	9.9b	7.2	..
105½	69	Romney Trust	82	..	4.0	4.9	28.3
221½	104½	Rothschild	187	..	11.2	6.0	20.7
78	44	Safeguard	71	• ..	6.0	8.4	17.7
102	57½	Scot Amer	81	..	3.9b	4.9	..
131	49	Scot & Merc 'A'	90	-5	5.0	5.6	18.9
160	102	Scot Eastern	129½	..	6.9b	5.3	30.3
44½	25	Scot European	41	..	2.3	5.5	34.1
113½	75	Scot Invest	94½	..	4.5	4.4	35.4
168	111	Scot National	141	• ..	5.8	4.1	32.5
119	70	Scot Northern	99½	-½	5.5	5.6	29.9
93	57¼	Scot United	74	-½	3.6	3.5	46.0
110½	79	Scot Western	98	-½	3.5	3.9	43.3
107	64½	Do B	87½	-½	..	..	..
217	143	Sec Alliance	175	..	9.6a	5.5	27.5
101	61½	Sec Gt Northern	82	• ..	3.1	3.8	41.4
30½	38	Do B	81	..	..	..	..
195	132	Sterling Trust	162	..	8.0	5.0	29.0
110	67½	Stockholders	91	..	3.6b	3.9	42.3
109	68	Throg Sec 'Cap'	90	..	..	..	..
83½	42½	Throgmtn Trust	73	..	6.6	9.1	16.7
191	125	Trans-Oceanic	168	..	7.9	4.7	25.5
91	55½	Tribune Inv	80	..	2.1	2.6	54.3
67½	49½	Triplevest 'Inc'	60½	..	6.8	11.2	13.8
179	94	Do Cap	138	..	..	..	..
125	92	Trustees Corp	132	..	7.4	5.6	25.8
126	87½	Tyneside Inv	109	..	5.8	5.3	23.7
144½	97	Utd Brit Secs	118½	..	6.7	5.7	26.4
107	74½	Utd States Deb	84½	..	5.3	6.5	22.6
204	142	Utd States Gen	173	..	9.2	5.3	25.8
104	69½	Viking Res	82	..	1.7	2.0	53.6
220	140	W'bottom Trust	207	+2	7.6	3.7	43.9
104	63	Witan Inv	82	..	3.7b	4.5	..
101	61	Do B	81	..	0.1	0.1	..
196	111	Yeoman Tst	168	..	11.5	6.8	21.3
35	17	Yorks & Lancs	30	..	2.3b	7.6	21.7
90	50	Young Co Inv	83	• ..	5.5b	6.6	23.7

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
321	215	Brit & Comm	290	..	14.7	5.1	8.5
180	54	Fisher J.	175	..	2.5	1.3	8.6
355	207	Furness Withy	272	• -5	22.9	8.7	6.3
305	100	Hunting Gibson	277	..	0.2	0.1	..
41½	24½	Jacobs J. I.	33	..	7.5	8.0	14.3
279	205	Manch Liners	215	• ..	7.6	3.5	19.6
170	103	Ocean Trans	103	-2	12.6	12.2	3.5
172	77	P & O 'Dfd'	77	• -3	9.9	12.9	4.3

MINES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
785	370	Anglo Am Coal	540	..	39.1	6.8	..
382	195	Anglo Am Corp	294	-4	21.6	7.1	..
20¼	11½	Ang Am Gold	£14⅜	-⅛	164	7.2	..
49	19	Anglo Am Inv	£35	-½	374	10.7	..
9½	6¼	Anglo Transvl	£7½	-¼	72.5	9.7	..
9½	6	Do A	£7½	-¼	72.5	9.7	..
15¾	8¼	Avarco	£9⅝	-⅛	20.5	2.1	..
60	26	Beralt Tin	55	..	11.7a	21.3	..
417	237	Blyvoors	269	+3	34.5	12.8	..
46	12	Botswana RST	23	..	..	..	..
197	85	Bracken Mines	87	..	26.3	30.2	..
130	67	BH South	110	-5	..e	..	..
11½	5¼	Buffelsfontein	£7⅞	..	107	14.2	..
163	106	Charter Cons	127	-4	12.4	10.1	..
220½	138	Cons Gold Fields	187	-2	13.7	8.2	..
483	165	De Beers 'Dfd'	340	-5	32.9	9.7	..
405	146	Doornfontein	290	+3	31.3	13.6	..
443	132	Durban Rood	268	..	..e	..	..
37	9	East Dagga	24	..	16.1	60.0	..
917	438	E Driefontein	606	+3	32.0	5.6	..
477	177	E Rand Prop	277	+6	..	..	..
62	29	El Oro M & Ex	54	..	1.7	3.1	..
154	64	Elsburg Gold	78	+3	6.1	8.1	..
20¾	8¾	F S Geduld	£13⅝	..	182	13.2	..
185	84½	Geevor Tin	165	..	7.6	4.6	..
20¾	12	Gen Mining	£16	..	143	9.0	..
152	50	Grootvlei	85	..	18.8	22.1	..
310	160	Hamersley	270	-5	..	..	..
138	77	Hampton Gold	119	..	5.5	4.5	
440	235	Harmony	264	..	33.1	12.4	
14	7¼	Hartebeest	£11⅜	-⅛	134	11.7	
19¾	10½	Jo'burg Cons	£15½	-⅛	104	6.8	
450	200	Kinross	248	+1	32.9	13.3	
660	290	Kloof	472	+1	33.1	[illegible]	
74	20	Leslie	46	-1	12.6	27.4	
680	175	Libanon	425	-3	62.3	14.7	
85	42	Lydenburg Plat	44	+2	4.0	[illegible]	
242	121	MIM Hldgs	182	-4	5.7	3.1	
58	39	MTD (Mangula)	32	..	7.9	24.7	
121	46	Marievale Con	83	..	38.8	47.5	
195	68	Messina Trans	64	..	..	..	
41	10	Metals Explor	26	-½	..	..	
238	125	Middle Wits	180	..	15.8	8.8	
204	125	Minorco	151	-2	6.2	4.1	
480	297	Newgate Explor	460	-30	..	..	
370	343	Peko Wallsend	425	-8	..	..	
11¾	6¼	Pres Brand	£7⅝	+⅛	96.5	11.1	
10¼	4¼	Pres Steyn	£6⅝	..	46.1	7.8	
160	80	Rand Mine Prop	85	..	8.7	9.7	
45¼	19	Randfontein	£38⅞	..	232	5.9	
264	164	Rio Tinto Zinc	220	-4	14.4	6.3	
115	60	Rustenburg	90	+1	4.7	5.2	
90	35	Saint Piran	81	-1	3.1	3.8	
11¾	5¼	St Helena	£7¼	..	114	15.6	
515	270	Selection Tst	428	-6	31.1	7.3	
237	118	Sentrust	173	..	18.9	10.9	
97	29	SA Land	32	..	..	..	
76	48	South Crofty	64	-1	6.3	9.8	
613	238	Southvaal	405	-4	13.1	3.2	
240	87	Sungei Besi	188	-3	14.5	8.0	
150	116	Tanks Cons	163	-5	10.0	6.1	
103	49	Tanjong Tin	83	-2	9.9	11.9	
280	287½	Tharsis Sulph	250	..	10.0	4.0	
15½	6⅛	Transvaal Cons	£11¼	-½	61.4	5.5	
285	93	Tronoh Mines	180	-10	16.3	9.6	
275	117	UC Invest	200	..	20.3	10.1	
338	165	Union Corp	348	-4	24.2	[illegible]	
17⅝	8	Vaal Reefs	£12⅝	..	96.6	7.8	
288	70	Ventersport	128	+5	13.7	11.4	
47	27	Wankie Colliery	35	-1	6.6	[illegible]	
375	116	Welkom	250	-4	37.5	17.0	
25¼	13⅜	W Driefontein	£19⅝	-½	212	12.4	
109	79	W Rand Cons	96	+2	11.9	11.1	
349	110	Western Areas	120	+4	9.5	7.9	
51½	25	Western Deep	£17	-½	67.9	6.7	
24¾	10½	Western Hldgs	£14	-¼	39	17.1	
184	84	Western Mining	124	-4	1.9	1.4	
870	380	Winkelhaak	551	-2	77.1	13.3	
33½	10	Zambia Copper	13½	..	..	..	

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %
83	43	Ampol Pet	60	-½	..	..
120	67	Attock	88	f ..	..	..
196	138	Brit Borneo	136	• +2	10.8	8.7
960	720	BP	914	+10	35.1	5.8
68	41	Burmah Oil	70	-1	..	..
66½	44½	Century Oils	63	-1	4.0	6.3
34½	19½	Charterhall	23	-½	..	..
23¾	12¾	C F Petroles	£23	..	111	4.8
44	24	KCA Int	33	..	..	..
195	126	Lasmo	132	..	..	..
415	245	Do Ops	372	+2	..	..
106¼	84½	Do 14% Ln	£98½	..	1400	14.2
322	77	Oil Exploration	220	-2	7.2	1.4
29¾	8	Premier Cons	15½	-½	..	..
13⅝	7¾	Ranger Oil	£9⅝	-½	..	..
50¾	35½	Royal Dutch	£41⅝	-1	147	13.
632	458	Shell Trans	570	-2	28.4	4.7
202	104	Tricentrol	168	• -2	2.2	1.5
276	110¼	Ultramar	224	-2	..	..
181	84	Do 7% Cnv	135	-1	10.6	7.8

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %
46	29¾	Allied Ldn	44	..	3.1	5.5
234	127	Allnatt Ldn	214	• ..	5.4	3.0
93	38	Apex Props	84	..	1.3	1.5
23	11	Aquis Secs	20½	..	1.0	5.0
95	51¾	Beaumont Prop	85	-1	5.9	6.9
76	23½	Bellway Hldgs	73	..	4.4	6.0
143	50	Berkeley Hmbro	131	-1	5.7	4.1
153	100	Bilton Percy	176	..	9.4	5.5
137	116	Do Accum	168	..	0.3	0.2
276	118	Bradford Prop	251	• -4	10.8	4.2
47½	22	British Land	38½	-½	..e	..
118	56½	Brixton Estate	110	-2	3.1	2.8
60	10	Cap & Counties	58½	..	2.6	4.4
363	141	Chesterfield	360	..	6.6	1.8
330	145	Churchbury Est	302	..	7.0	2.3
70	37½	City Offices	64½	-½	2.7	4.2
47	12½	Control Secs	33	..	1.2b	2.5
246	114	Corn Exchange	236	..	3.2	1.4
34	17	Country & New T	30	..	1.6	5.3
119	38	County & Dist	112	..	1.3	1.2
120	33½	Daejan Hldgs	102	..	4.5	4.5
51½	27	Eng Prop	33½	• -½	3.4	10.6
29¼	11	Estates & Gen	28	..	1.5b	9.1
104	32	Evans of Leeds	87	..	2.0	2.3
222	133¾	Gt Portland	212	-2	4.9	2.3
87	52	Guildhall	82	..	4.0	4.5
642	310	Hammerson 'A'	583	..	9.3	1.4
272	125	Haslemere Ests	262	-2	5.0	2.3
250	142	Land Secs	257	-6	5.8	2.1
56	32½	Law Land	43	+1	1.5b	3.5
135	46½	Ldn & Prov Sh	117	• -1	3.2	1.1
80	40	Ldn Shop	76	..	4.5	6.0
138	68	Lynton Hldgs	117	-3	3.9	3.3
150	74	MEPC	136	-1	2.6	1.9
288	88	McKay Secs	180	..	2.7	1.5
41	9½	Marler Estates	34	..	..	..
48	15	Midhurst Whites	42½	..	..	..
133	48	Muskiow A & J.	117	• ..	6.3	5.5
290	108	Municipal	280	..	7.7	2.8
90	28	Peachey Prop	78	-1	3.0	3.8
330	180	Prop & Rever	305	..	7.8	2.5
330	178	Do A	305	..	7.8	2.5
347	218	Prop Hldgs	295	..	10.0	3.4
119	77¼	Prop Sec	109	-1	4.4	4.0
6¾	2	Raglan Prop	4¼	-¼	..	..
87	31	Regional	74	..	1.7	2.3
78	30	Do A	67	..	1.7	2.5
128	29	Rush & Tompkins	93	• ..	4.3	4.7
118	50¼	Scot Met Props	109	..	3.2b	2.9
129	70	Slough Ests	111	-2	3.5	3.2
285	158	Stock Conv	262	-4	3.1	1.2
290	90	Sunley B.	246	-4	6.6	2.7
17	5	Town & City	12	..	0.0e	0.6
138	41	Trafford Park	117	..	6.2	5.3
24½	10½	UK Props	22	..	0.5	2.4
17¼	6¼	Webb J	15	..	0.7	4.7
39	10½	W'minster & C'ty	27½	..	1.5	5.6

RUBBER

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %
104	34	Anglo-Indonesia	92	..	4.2	4.6
66	18	Bradwall FMS	54½	-1	2.8	5.1
360	82	Castlefield	245	-2	5.0	2.0
39	13½	Chersonese	45	-3½	2.1	4.7
52	18¼	Cons Plant	33½	-1	3.6	8.3
65	13	Doranakande	67	..	2.2b	3.3
12½	3	Grand Central	11	-½	0.6	7.5
338	135	Guthrie Corp	309	-4	22.7	7.4
129	49	Harrisons Malay	105	h -3	6.1a	5.8
135	36½	Highlds & Low	87	-6½	4.5	5.2
225	87	Hongkong	216	-5	11.6	5.4
285	125	Killinghall	225	-3	17.5	7.8
50½	23	Kulim Malaysia	42	-1	2.1	5.0
197	44	Ldn Sumatra	162	..	6.1	3.8
89½	25½	Majedie	68	• -2	..	1.6
65	17¼	Muar River	50½	-3½	0.7	1.4
81	34	Plant Hldgs	60½	h -1½	3.3	5.
93	28¾	Sungei Krian	75	• -5	2.2	3.1

TEA

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %
290	147	Assam Frontier	270	-5	14.2	5.3
123	82	Assam Inv	92	..	10.4	11.5
326	93	Camellia Inv	294	-4	5.0	1.8
245	120	McLeod Russel	215	..	20.5a	9.5
410	124	Moran	330	-5	29.5	9.0
155	15	Surmah Valley	140	-5	9.9	7.1
130	51	Warren Plant	115	+2	11.1	9.7

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %
15¾	7⅝	Algoma Cen Rly	£10¾	-½	29.0	2.4
78	40	Calcutta Elec	75	..	14.0	18.7
50½	41½	E Surr Wtr 4.9%	£41½	..	490	11.8
38¾	31½	Essex Wtr 3.5%	33	..	350	10.6
[illegible]	47	Gt Nthn Tele	£69	..	193	2.8
450	310	Imp Cont Gas	345	-5	11.0	4.5
38	32	Mid Kent Wtr	£33½	..	500	14.5
130	46	Milford Docks	118	..	4.1	3.5
277	140	Nigerian Elec	205	..	20.2	9.4
39½	31½	Sunderlnd Wtr	£33½	..	350	10.1

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 20.11.78 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	209.45	6.74	12.32	210.7
Largest Coys.	214.04	6.42	11.77	215.2
Smaller Coys.	194.87	7.79	13.64	195.8
Capital Goods	252.50	7.36	14.72	256.2
Consumer Goods	216.79	7.11	11.56	217.5
Store Shares	184.08	6.35	8.40	185.2
Largest financial shares	213.87	6.82	—	215.0
Largest financial and industrial shares	214.00	6.44	—	216.3
Commodity shares	246.24	5.85	15.00	251.2
Gold Mining shares	273.84	11.28	19.11	273.5
Industrial debenture stocks	62.12	8.47*	—	57.8
Industrial preference stocks	54.95	12.41*	—	54.2
3½% War Loan	20¾	11.98*	—	20

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	232.06 (14.09.78)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1978	232.06 (14.09.78)	184.85 (02.03.78)
1977	232.98 (14.09.77)	181.59 (13.01.77)
1976	171.85 (05.05.76)	115.83 (27.10.76)
1975	155.93 (15.11.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1973	189.35 (22.01.73)	126.99 (24.12.73)

* Flat interest yield.
• Ex-dividend.

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Mr Healey, the Chancellor, and Herr Hans Matthoefer, West German Finance Minister, in good spirits before the EEC finance ministers meeting yesterday.

ality applies.

The ministers also agreed that EEC members not at present in the European joint float or "snake" could enter the new system using wider margins of 6 per cent either side of the central rates of their currencies against the present "snake" arrangement which sets fluctuation at plus-minus 2.25 per cent.

But on the crucial issue of intervention rules, where a parity grid system is due to coexist with a basket indicator showing which currencies are deviating from the norm, today's meeting appeared to make no significant progress.

German hopes that all other EEC members other than Britain would fall in with their idea that the basket should trigger unspecified action were confounded.

As at the last meeting of finance ministers in Luxembourg five weeks ago, three groups emerged, with the British and Italians urging that the basket indicator should oblige the country with the divergent currency to intervene, the Germans and Dutch prepared to accept presumption but no obligation to act and a middle group led by the French which wants the presumptions act to mean obligation in all but exceptional circumstances.

Arcane though these differences may appear, they each have serious implications for domestic economic and monetary policy. The Germans believe that the British and Italian formula could force them to accept an inflationary boost in domestic money supply as a result of huge currency intervention between the margins of the parity grid, while the German proposals, in the eyes of the British and Italians, do not meet the condition of achieving a symmetry of obligation between strong and weak countries in the EMS.

The one accord reached today on the exchange rate system was that whatever is set up if the EMS goes ahead as planned at the beginning of next year should be reviewed after six months. Because the review would be carried out by a European council, members not joining the EMS would presumably have a say in the discussions.

GEC embarks on $100m American venture

By Christopher Wilkins

General Electric Company last night revealed the first fruits of its drive to open up in the United States market with a $100m (£52m) agreed bid for A. B. Dick, a Chicago-based office equipment concern.

The cash offer, worth $16.50 a share, seems certain to go through since it has the approval of members of the Dick family and beneficial trusts together holding more than 50 per cent of the common and preferred stock.

It is, however, subject to definitive approval by the board, the shareholders and the regulatory authorities and is conditional upon completion by April 30 next year.

Dick is expected to achieve sales this year of $350m and to make profits of about $12.5m. But it is clear that GEC is more interested in the potential for developing Dick than its existing business.

The company produces a variety of equipment for use in offices. It has recently been developing a new range of electronic products, such as word processors, but many of its goods are conventional electro-mechanical products—including, for example, duplicators and copiers.

tion, so far as GEC is concerned, is its marketing strength. Sir Robert Telford, a director of GEC, said last night that the company had 68 branches in the United States and a further 50 to 60 in other countries.

Sir Robert said that while GEC had interests in a wide range of office equipment and information systems based on electronic technology, had no marketing back-up in this field in the United States.

From Dick's point of view, GEC will be able to supplement its existing products with a range of new equipment which might otherwise be prohibitively expensive to develop.

The deal comes less than a year after GEC appointed Mr Geoffrey Cross, former managing director of ICL, to seek out potential acquisitions in the United States.

GEC has also underlined its American ambitions by appointing Mr Ronald Grierson to head GEC Inc, the group's United States holding company. GEC has admitted to being on the lookout for possible purchases for about four years, until now with little success.

The strategic objective has been to fill an important gap in GEC's worldwide electrical markets, and one into which other European electrical majors, such as Siemens, Philips and Bosch have recently been making significant acquisitive inroads.

GEC has been seeking an outlet for its growing cash mountain. In August the company reported net cash in the balance sheet of £617m.

Sir Robert said that it was unlikely the purchase of Dick would mark the end of GEC's ambitions in the United States.

Tougher government policies on North Sea participation discourage Shell and Esso

Government policies for the exploitation of North Sea oil and gas reserves received a double blow yesterday.

Esso, one of the largest multinational groups with interests on the United Kingdom continental shelf, said yesterday that it had decided against making any application for blocks on offer in the sixth round of licensing, which closed yesterday.

And Shell, which has been Esso's partner for much of its North Sea development, said it was only applying for a small number of blocks.

The decision of both groups will be seen as a reflection of the Government's toughening of licensing conditions and their intention to raise petroleum revenue tax from 45 per cent to 60 per cent in the next Finance Bill.

Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy, claimed the response to the sixth round had been a success and vindicated government policies.

A total of 55 applications on behalf of 100 companies had been received covering all 46 blocks on offer. This compared with 53 applications in the fifth round which covered only 70 per cent of acreage then made available.

"This response demonstrates that the new conditions designed to strengthen our national position and the proposed increase in PRT have not in any way reduced the interest of the oil industries in development offshore", Mr Benn said.

Esso however said it had decided against participating in the sixth round, having considered the geology of the blocks on offer and the "economic and investment environment".

Shell said its decision only to apply for a small number of blocks was a result of an assessment both of the blocks on offer and the "overall fiscal conditions".

The oil companies have been warning the Government that their policies were leading to a slow down in exploration. Drilling this year will be below that of both the previous two years.

A political row is fast developing. Mr Tom King, the Conservative spokesman on Energy, said yesterday that the decision of Esso not to apply was "a measure of the damage done by constant government changes of policy in the North Sea".

The United Kingdom Offshore Operators' Association has said that drilling will have to rise to record levels if self-sufficiency is to be maintained in the 1990s. It has complained that most of the blocks on offer in the sixth round were not sufficiently good prospects and that interest was being damaged by increases in taxes and tougher conditions.

Oil flows: The first North Sea oil will flow into the Sullom Voe terminal in Shetland at the end of this week. Shell/Esso said yesterday that after the successful repair of its Brent pipeline system, oil from the Dunlin field started to flow through the pipeline yesterday. It should arrive at Sullom Voe on Thursday or Friday.

The banking scandal that Italy saved up

Italy's Communist Party is to raise in Parliament the scandal at Italcasse, the Central Institute of savings banks, *which is alleged to have provided* a channel for underground financing of the Christian Democrat and other centre-left parties in the 1960s and early 1970s.

Five communist Deputies have tabled a question calling for a Government statement on the issue. They are asking, in particular why irregularities took so long to come to light and what problems the affair now poses for the banking system.

Their initiative follows publication in newspapers of leaks from the report by a team of Bank of Italy inspectors who investigated the management of Italcasse under Signor Giuseppe Arcani, its director general until 1977.

Signor Arcani, a former Christian Democrat politician, died in September after several months in hiding to escape arrest. Count Eduardo Calleri Di Sala, the ex-president, who is also a former Christian Democrat premier of the Piedmont region, is on bail awaiting prosecution.

Italcasse is being managed temporarily by a group of Government commissioners.

The inspectors' report, according to newspaper leaks, indicates that Italcasse set aside considerable sums by taking between 0.25 to 4 per cent on the new bond issues which it regularly absorbed from ENEL, the National Electricity Board. This percentage was the differential between the price it agreed to pay ENEL (not necessarily the same as the issue price set by the Bank of Italy) and the price at which it passed on the issue to individual savings banks for sale to the public.

The weekly magazine *Panorama* maintains that in this way about lire 30,875m (about £20m) was raised between 1965 and 1974 for the centre-left parties, mostly the Christian Democrats, but also the Socialists, Social Democrats and Republicans.

The earliest and biggest operation, it states, was an ENEL bond issue of 1965 when Italcasse paid ENEL lire 91 for each nominal lire 100, and passed the bonds to individual savings banks at lire 95, thus making lire 4.

The newspaper *Republica*, besides giving similar details also wrote of irregular payments to various people and companies, and of savings deposit accounts allegedly managed by Signor Arcani under the names of "Pentola Calda" and "Pentola Vecchia" (hot pot and old pot).

John Earle
in Rome

Lloyds and Scottish bid for Cedar

By Bryan Appleyard

Cedar Holdings, one of the secondary banks rescued by the Bank of England "lifeboat", has received a takeover bid worth £9.6m from Lloyds and Scottish, the finance group.

The terms have already been accepted by the Cedar board and the four institutions which took part in the 1974 rescue operation — the Electricity Supply Industry Pension Funds, the National Coal Board Superannuation and Pension Funds, Phoenix Assurance and Unilever Superannuation Fund. They jointly account for more than 60 per cent of the ordinary shares and over 70 per cent of the preference shares.

The takeover, if successful, would mean the £1.3m left from the £56.5m support capital provided by the rescuers would be paid off.

The terms are 26p cash for each ordinary share and 76p for each preference share, compared with the 19p and 47½p at which the shares were suspended some weeks ago. The ordinary shares were as low as 5p at the beginning of the year.

It is known that there was at least one other interested bidder, an American company.

Cedar is involved in second mortgage lending, an area in which L and S has no operations, although the First National Securities, part of FNHC—another rescued secondary bank—is the dominant company in the field with an estimated 30 per cent of the business, compared to Cedar's 10 to 15 per cent.

Several leading finance houses have pulled out of second mortgage lending in recent years and the Americans have been making significant inroads into the market.

L and S says the Cedar operation complements its existing consumer finance interests, and Mr Simon Coorsh, chairman of Cedar, thought the company had found "a very satisfactory home".

Cedar made profits of £931,000 in the year to June. It had net assets of £9.9m, though probably be included because another £2m of provisions can *they are not likely to be needed.*

The need to pay off its institutional rescuers has held back its expansion over the past four years, but now L and S believes it can significantly improve profitability. In the meantime, past losses mean that Cedar will have to pay no tax for the next two years.

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Standard Life drops plan to pull out of Canada

By Richard Allen
Insurance Correspondent

Standard Life Assurance of Edinburgh has decided to scrap its plans for a total withdrawal from Canada.

A scheme under which the group's Canadian business, representing more than a third of its total assets, was to have been transferred to an American company has foundered on taxation difficulties.

Under the scheme, announced less than four months ago, Standard, the largest mutual assurance group in Europe, was to hand over its operation to Manufacturers Life Insurance Company. The move would have involved the transfer to ManuLife of assets worth £700m out of Standard's total of £2,100m.

Last night Mr David Donald, Standard's general manager and actuary, said: "When we entered into an agreement with ManuLife we expected this would be a relatively straightforward and speedy business. It is now clear that this is not so."

The main problem has been that under new Canadian tax legislation, which is still in the early stages of formulation, neither group has been able to assess the taxation consequences of merging the business with ManuLife.

Mr Donald said that facing the prospect of further time consuming legal processes, Standard had decided to withdraw from the merger rather than to expose policyholders to an unknown period of uncertainty.

He added that there was no question of merger talks being reopened and that the group was now committed to developing its Canadian business.

Ironically, complex legislative problems in Canada were among the main reasons behind Standard's original decision to quit the country. Faced with increasing government intervention at state and national level, the company said it had found increasing difficulty in achieving equity for policyholders on different sides of the Atlantic.

At the same time Standard was having difficulty in balancing a lopsided portfolio in Canada. Low-margin pension business accounts for 80 per cent of total business there, compared with 50 per cent in the United Kingdom and the group was finding it troublesome and expensive to expand its relatively small life operations.

A spokesman for Standard said last night that the decision to stay in Canada was a simple case of "comparing difficulty with impossibility". He said: "We will just have to tackle the problems in Canada and go back to the task of expanding the life business."

He added that he did not believe news of the on-off merger plan would damage the group's standing in Canada in the long term. "In fact, throughout the merger period our industrial life business has actually been growing quite strongly", he said.

Access rate going up to annual 26 pc

By Alison Mitchell

Access, the credit card operation owned jointly by three of the Big Four High Street clearing banks, is to raise the interest rates charged to its 3.6 million customers early in the new year by ¼ of a point to 2 per cent a month.

By contrast, rival Barclaycard has no immediate plans to put up its charges.

The Access move is a direct result of the recent increase in interest rates. It will mean an annual interest rate of more than 26 per cent, against a bank overdraft rate of 15½ to 17½ per cent.

Barclaycard will not even consider putting up its charges until after Christmas. Mr John Quinton, Barclays general manager in charge of Barclaycard, said last night that the cost of money had been high for too short a time to justify an increase now. "We want to keep rates competitive for as long as possible", he said.

Earlier this year Barclaycard kept its interest rate at 1½ per cent, a quarter of a point below Access for seven months before coming into line in mid-July. But Mr John Cox, chairman of the Joint Credit Card Company, which owns Access, denied last night that the competition had lost the company any business.

He pointed out that Access had held its rates steady at 1½ per cent since October 1977 when MLR was 7½ points lower at 5 per cent. "Should a downward trend in interest rates develop Access will respond appropriately", he added.

Apart from Lloyds, National Westminster and Midland banks, each with a 30 per cent stake, the Royal Bank of Scotland and Williams & Glyn's have a joint 10 per cent holding in Access.

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US 'foreign' bonds go on sale next month

From Frank Vogl
US Economics Correspondent
Washington, Nov 20

The first American Government securities denominated in foreign currencies will be offered for sale in West Germany in mid-December. The United States Treasury plans to sell $10,000m (£5,263m) of the securities in a series of sales over the next year.

Mr Anthony Solomon, Under Secretary of the Treasury for monetary affairs, will visit Germany in early December to complete arrangements for the first sale. Extensive talks have so far been held between United States officials and the West German and Swiss central banks about the sales, but no talks have yet been conducted with the Japanese.

Treasury sources stressed that launching the first sale as quickly as possible was a top priority, to demonstrate to the markets that the Administration was determined to raise as much foreign currency as possible to support the dollar in the currency markets. The first sale might take the form of a private placement with West German savings and commercial banks.

Mr Solomon told the *Washington Post* that the United States authorities had been intervening in the currency markets. (Bankers in New York believe the level of such United States intervention has totalled around $6,000m so far this month.)

Mr Solomon noted that the central banks of Japan, Switzerland and West Germany were willing to support the dollar in the markets and, in fact, on some days "their intervention is larger than ours".

Mr Roger Altman, Assistant Treasury Secretary for debt management, left for Frankfurt last night for the second series of meetings in two weeks with the West German Central Bank to discuss details of the forthcoming securities sales. The maturities on the securities have still not been agreed upon, although there are indications that the Treasury is keen on maturities within five years.

It seems that the Treasury wants to make a private placement of these securities to ensure that they are not bought by individuals who first sell dollars to obtain the currency needed for the bonds. German institutions buying the securities may be required to pledge that they will not sell the securities, at least for a certain period of time, to Americans.

It also appears, according to informed sources, that the Treasury is confident that it will be able to sell the bonds with yields equalling those offered by the Bonn Government when it sells its own debt in West Germany. It has firmly been decided to sell the securities in tranches over the next 12 months, but it does seem probable that the first tranche will be large and that it will, in fact, account for a significant percentage of the total of $10,000m to be offered.

Dollar improvement goes on

The dollar continued its rise on foreign exchange markets yesterday, reaching a four-month high against the Swiss franc at SwF1.74, and gaining nearly ¼ per cent against the German mark.

Currency dealers seem now to have given their approval to the package of support measures announced on November 1 by the American authorities.

Sterling picked up against most currencies during the day, and closed 55 points higher in dollar terms at $1.935. The pound closed at 62.2 per cent of its end-1971 value.

Colocotronis settles dispute

By Christopher Wilkins

The protracted legal dispute between European-American Bank of New York, in which Midland Bank holds 20 per cent, and the Greek Colocotronis shipping family has been settled.

European-American issued writs against the Colocotronis family in January last year claiming $130m (about £67m), but in a statement yesterday Mr Minos Colocotronis said that agreement had been reached "to resolve all outstanding disputes between them, including all matters raised in legal proceedings in the High Court in London and elsewhere".

Mr Colocotronis said a number of legal and technical matters remained to be resolved and, until then, details of the settlement could not be revealed. He added that he would be working with the bank in the shipping field.

Legal action was started by European-American in its capacity as leader of syndicated loans to the ailing Colocotronis group, which at one time controlled 70 ships. The bank was itself the subject of actions from other banks in the United States over the way in which the loans had been raised.

European-American in turn launched law suits against four members of the Colocotronis family because of money allegedly owing under personal guarantees relating to mortgage debts.

During 1976 the Colocotronis group ran into serious difficulties and had to renegotiate loans with its bankers. An informal moratorium on much of its debt, believed to total some $320m at one stage, was agreed.

The group's difficulties were largely the result of buying two supertankers of 380,000 dwt each.

BS wins £36m order

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

Orders worth about £36m have been won by the State-owned British Shipbuilders against keen international competition.

The contract is for two reefer container ships from the Bank & Savill Line consortium. These vital orders have been placed with Smith Dock on the Tees, but only one vessel will be built on Teesside. The second is being subcontracted to one of the former Swan Hunter yards on Tyneside.

The corporation last week revealed a £108m loss in its first nine months of operation.

Each of the ships, with containers and ancillary equipment is likely to cost about £18m, and *it is expected that the Government's* shipbuilding intervention fund will be used with the contracts, securing a total allocation of between £7m and £11m.

The fund, which is essentially a subsidy, has been criticized by other shipbuilding nations and all subventions from it have to be approved by the EEC Commission.

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to comment on the effects of the action last night.

A member of the union executive said that the action arose from a motion at the ISTC conference in June, which called for an overtime ban to combat BSC's proposals to cut its workforce. The union wants to see its limitation on overtime met with recruitment by BSC.

The executive member said: "We don't know how many extra people BSC will need to employ to make up this overtime, but we feel something should be done to tackle national unemployment."

The action would also prove an opening shot in the negotiation of the union's next wage agreement. The effects of the decision could be critical for BSC's production targets.

MGM head aims to buy 20 pc of Columbia shares

New York, Nov 20.—Mr Kirk Kerkorian, the principal stockholder of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc, said his wholly-owned Tracinda Investment Corp plans to tender for up to 1.75 million shares, or 20 per cent of Columbia Pictures Industries Inc's outstanding common at $24 a share.

Mr. Kerkorian, MGM's vice-chairman and chairman of the executive committee, now owns about 490,000 Columbia shares, or about 5.5 per cent of the outstanding stock.

In reporting the planned offer, Mr Kerkorian said that he had confidence in the present Columbia management and said that he did not plan a takeover.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 209.45 −1.26
The FT index: 468.8 — 4.0

Rises

BP	40p to 944p	Parker Timber	11p to 124p
J. Bright Grp	2p to 34p	Redman Heenan	3p to 54p
Dufay	2p to 33p	Saatchi	9p to 124p
Carlton Ind	7p to 225p	Sotheby, P. B.	3p to 332p
Kleinwort	3p to 248p	Triefus & Co	3p to 105p
Nrtn & Wright	10p to 150p	Venterspost	5p to 138p
Nthgate Explor	30p to 460p	Wade Pttrs	1p to 29p

Falls

Beecham Grp	1p to 600p	Plessey	2p to 104p
Dunlop Hldgs	1p to 63p	Peko Wallsend	9p to 433p
EMI	2p to 149p	Ragian Prop	4p to 44p
Hutch Whaap	6p to 58p	Thorn Electric	6p to 348p
Jardine Mthsn	10p to 173p	Unilever	4p to 534p
Hongkong & Sh	17p to 237p	Vickers	3p to 190p
Lovell Hldgs	5p to 100p	Wh'lock Mar	2p to 36p

Equities retreated.
Gilt-edged securities were neglected.
Investment dollar premium: 83.75 per cent (effective rate 36.5 per cent).
Sterling closed at 1.9350. The effective exchange rate index was at 62.2.

Gold rose $1.25 to close at $199.875.

SDR-$ was 1.26933 on Monday, while SDR-£ was 0.656879.

Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1509.5 (previous 1508.9).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.73	1.67
Austria Sch	28.75	26.75
Belgium Fr	62.00	58.50
Canada $	2.31	2.24
Denmark Kr	10.73	10.23
Finland Mkk	8.16	7.76
France Fr	8.85	8.45
Germany Dm	3.90	3.68
Greece Dr	85.50	80.50
Hongkong $	9.50	9.05
Italy Lr	1725.00	1640.00
Japan Yn	402.00	377.00
Netherlands Gld	4.23	4.00
Norway Kr	10.27	9.82
Portugal Esc	96.00	90.00
S Africa Rd	1.79	1.65
Spain Pes	144.25	137.25
Sweden Kr	8.86	8.46
Switzerland Fr	3.50	3.38
US $	1.97	1.91
Yugoslavia Dnr	44.00	41.00

Rates for small denominations notes quoted only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Survey finds high ratio of deals on participation

By Adrienne Gleeson

Most companies which introduce some form of financial participation for employees opt for cash-based profit-sharing schemes. In companies where such profit-sharing schemes are open to most employees, the argument for participation are that employees have a right to share in the company's wealth, and that they ought to be encouraged to identify with the business and its success.

In contrast, where such profit-sharing schemes are restricted to senior or selected staff, the provision of extra incentive and reward are more common objectives.

These are some of the findings of a British Institute of Management survey* of 622 companies, published today. Forty per cent (246) of the companies have profit-sharing schemes: 6 per cent have abandoned schemes which they started; and 54 per cent have never introduce a scheme.

Of the schemes in operation, 71 per cent are based on profit-sharing, with most companies paying a bonus out of pre-tax profits as a fixed percentage, on a sliding scale, or at the discretion of the management. Almost all of these companies consider their schemes successful because, inter alia, they make the staff profit-conscious, provide an incentive and are liked by the employees.

Other forms of participation included executive share option/incentive schemes (normally restricted to senior management), and SAYE share option/incentive schemes.

Of companies with no form of financial participation, one-fifth have no particular objection to it—in the remainder, the company's ownership structure was the most common reason why no such scheme had been introduced.

BIM Management Survey Report No 41: Employee Financial Participation, by Peter A. Reilly, £10 to BIM members: 20 to others, including postage.

Footwear trade improving

Although footwear supplies to the shops in the first nine months of this year were still down 7 per cent in volume compared with the same period last year, there was a jump in the value figures, indicating what the British Footwear Manufacturers Federation describes as "significant trading up".

Value of supplies to the home market in August was up nearly 28 per cent compared with an 11.5 per cent average increase over the eight months to the end of August, according to statistics published by the federation yesterday.

Tories change policy on insider deals in Companies Bill debate

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent

Mr John Nott, the Conservative spokesman on Trade, signalled a change of party policy yesterday when he questioned the desirability of making insider dealings on the Stock Exchange a criminal offence.

Proposals to that effect prohibiting dealings in securities by any person connected with a company who had information not generally available and which would, if available, affect the price of those securities, are included in the Companies Bill, which was given its Second Reading in the Commons last night. That was also the intention of the last Conservative administration.

Mr Nott, opening for the Tories, agreed that the improper use of confidential and specific information for the purpose of private gain was an abuse of trust which involved an act of dishonesty deserving of speedy and effective retribution. But, he asked, should it be made a crime?

Parliament, he said, should be cautious about creating new crimes in response to political pressure particularly at a time when the forces of law were so fully stretched. They should be cautious also if it was suspected that a criminal deterrent might be more rather than less difficult to enforce, and if there was insufficient consensus on how the crime should be defined.

He was sceptical about whether it would be possible to draft a criminal sanction without damanging legitimate business. The statute book was already overloaded with tax avoidance legislation which had done far more to complicate and hinder legitimate business than it had ever done to prevent tax avoidance.

Mr Nott told the Commons that although he was prejudiced against the proposal in the Bill, his party might be prepared to accept the clauses on insider dealings if a more satisfactory formof words could be found.

Mr John Smith, the newly appointed Secretary of State for Trade, said that the Government believed the case for action against insider dealings was clearly established. Those dealings represented a threat to public confidence in directors and others closely associated with companies.

They were unfair to toher shareholders and investors and were frequently a breach of the person's obligations to companies.

He reminded the House that these dealings were forbidden under the rules of the Stock Exchange and the City Panel on Takeovers and Mergers and those bodies agreed that criminal sanctions should be introduced.

But the Minister accepted that the distinction berween reprehensible conduct and innocent activities was easier to recognize in practice than to embody in statute.

The Government, Mr Smith went on, was committed to the introduction of criminal sanctions but did not intend to make it impossible for legitimate or desirable activities to continue.

He had in mind shareholdings by employees and directors in the companies for whom they worked, the more active role for institutional shareholders, the role of investment analyses or of financial journalists, in disseminating information, and evaluating companies' performance.

Earlier, Mr Smith announced his intention to set up a standing advisory committee to undertake a continuing review of company law and to provide advice on general developments and specific proposals.

Computer chief attacks European strategy

By Kenneth Owen
Technology Correspondent

In computing and microelectronics Europe seemed to be caught between the two alternative approaches of Japan and the United States, and was getting the worst rather than the best of each, Mr Philip Hughes, chairman of Logica, the London software consultancy, said yesterday.

He was addressing the annual conference of the Telecommunications Managers Division of the Institute of Administrative Management in Coventry.

He said: "We believe in the role of the state in directly funding advanced technology—but we are not prepared to go to the length the Japanese have to create that very close bond between state and industry in a directed sense.

"On the other hand, there is absolutely no doubt that the climate for creation of new high-technology companies in the United Kingdom and in Europe in general is far, far more difficult than in the United States."

We in Europe must be prepared to back risk ventures similar to the successful new company ventures in computing and microelectronics in the United States, he said.

"In this way we could get the best of both approaches, rather than, as at present, the worst."



Mr Philip Hughes: Europe caught between two attitudes.

Details were given at Edinburgh University yesterday of the expanded microelectronics development which is planned there with the aid of a £316,000 grant from the Science Research Council. This will provide a new microelectronics processing unit for British universities and polytechnics.

It forms part of a £1.46m commitment by the SRC to make up-to-date processing facilities in microelectronics available for research work

14 more road material price pacts

By Our Commercial Editor

A further 14 price-rigging agreements in the supply of road making materials like chippings were added yesterday to the register of restrictive practices, bringing the total of such agreements to 55.

Another three price-fixing agreements involving supplies of blacktop road making materials were also added to the register, bringing the total so far to 132.

In both sectors the Office of Fair Trading is continuing its inquiries and further agreements could be added to the register.

Mr Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, is considering taking to the Restrictive Practices Court an agreement by an Oxford association of hotels and restaurants involving the recommending of a minimum price for bed and breakfast charges. The agreement is void because it was not registered within the required period. It applied to members of the association in the city of Oxford and surrounding districts.

An agreement under which the Newspaper Raw Materials Committee is involved in the setting of terms and basic prices at which United Kingdom users buy newsprint from Scandinavian suppliers was also placed on the register yesterday.

In brief

US group fined $300,000 for bribery

Washington, Nov 20.—Judge Barrington Parker today accepted a proposed guilty plea in the Federal District Court from Westinghouse Electric Corporation to 30 counts charging that the company failed to disclose bribes totalling about $322,000 (about £167,000) made in Egypt.

In accepting the plea agreement and convicting Westinghouse of the charge, Judge Parker imposed the maximum $300,000 fine.

Late last month Judge Parker had rejected a similar plea agreement and proposed a $300,000 fine because the prosecutors were not willing to disclose the identity of the country where the bribes were paid or the identity of the recipient.—AP-Dow Jones.

20 pc rise in motor trades turnover

Turnover of the motor trades in the third quarter of this year was 20 per cent higher than in the same period last year, according to Department of Industry figures issued yesterday. New vehicle sales rose by 34 per cent, and used vehicle sales by 23 per cent. Other sales covering petrol and oil, accessories, spares, tyres, servicing, etc, rose by 8 per cent.

Small businesses have low bank loan rating

The number of small firms which fail to obtain bank loans for business expansion because they cannot provide security could be as high as 40 per cent.

This figure is revealed in a poll of 2,000 businesses just completed by the Forum of Private Business, a non-political association of small firms.

CoSIRA spending figure doubles

Expenditure by the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas (CoSIRA) the main agency of the Development Commission, in the current year is expected to be more than double the £1.85m spent in 1977-78. In its triennial report, the council says that after allowing for inflation the new level of spending reflects the rapid increase in its factory construction programme and the opportunities for new jobs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State strategy and electronics

From Sir Robert Telford and Mr Michael Clark

Sir, The Duke of Kent's letter (November 3) is important and timely in drawing public attention to the critical shortages of qualified and trained technological manpower in the electronics industry. This is recognized within the industry as an over-riding constraint.

Almost every company in the industry has large numbers of vacancies for electronic engineers, mechanical engineers, technologists, specializing in manufacture, draughtsmen, many grades of technician, skilled operatives in virtually every branch of production, and many others.

But it is generally agreed among all electronics companies who use computers as part of their business or embody them in their products, that the acute scarcity of system analysts and computer programmers is by far the most serious and potentially most damaging personnel problem which they face. Furthermore, the need for such people is growing rapidly, both inside and outside the electronics industry.

The export of major electronic systems, in which this country excels, is ideally suited to our economic situation by virtue of high added value and low raw material and energy content, but most systems require computer programming and although it is an essential ingredient of the total package, the content is only a part of the cost of the whole task.

It is therefore a matter of real concern on the part of electronics firm successfully exporting large systems that over the last few years the National Enterprise Board has put substantial funding into an organization called Insac, which aims to sell the extremely scarce systems analysis and computer programming effort overseas in particular to elect system companies in coun whose shortage of effo almost as severe as ours, enabling them to compete more effectively with British counterparts starv this vital capability. We to comprehend how this can fit into the "indu strategy" which aims increase the effectivenes manufacturing industry, at home and in world ma

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Soviet labour problems

From Dr George Blazyca

Sir, Michael Binyon (November 14) points to labour shortages as threatening the Soviet economy. In this respect he argues that Soviet economic difficulties are the opposite to those in the West. This is, however, a superficial comparison. Probing beneath the surface economic problems East and West are remarkably similar.

The basic common difficulty is how to devise a socially acceptable mechanism for making adjustments to the pattern of industrial activity. The current crisis in the low growth capitalist economies centres on the need to restructure capital so as to make it once again internationally competitive. In the East the structure of output is unsatisfactory because of its poor quality and limited assortment.

Many factors inhibit structural change in the West. A current example is the need to maintain employment in areas where traditional industries are located. In the East disincentives to innovate, the tendency to hoard labour, the reluctance of the authorities to take "appropriate" action when poorly performing enterprises are identified—all make structural change difficult.

In the past labour abundance meant, in East Europe, that at least output growth could be assured even if its quality was poor. Labour shortages now make it impossible to follow that traditional "extensive growth" strategy. Mechanization has not solved the problem and nor would raising the birth rate. A higher birth rate would only provide a breathing space while the traditional pattern of economic development reasserted itself. Ultimately the restructuring problem will have to be solved. The difference between West and East is that in the former restructuring is taking place helped along by a large pool of unemployment, while in the latter no obvious progress is being made.

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Dual standards on metrication

From Mr F. J. Friend

Sir, Would Mr Greenwood (November 14) be equally in favour of our decimal currency coexisting with the old £sd?

That was a successful change *because* it was compulsory—unlike the long drawn out attempt to change temperature values from F to C—which gains no ground because the Met Office persists in quoting both values.

Without compulsion the same, typically British, compromise of dual standards for measurements will drag on for years and we shall never be certain which products are sold in metric values and which remain in the old measures.

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Status of blacks in S. Africa

From Mr G. M. Levin

Sir, Mr L. Clarke in his headed "Propaganda reality of South Af Society", (*Times*, Novemb being both right and wron touched on an important

It is true, as he says, racially discriminating laws are still on the st book. But it is also tru anyone visiting the indu areas of places like Germ can see for himself, that in many firms, are higher the company hierarchy tha some of the whites. In one known company, one sees computer operators and transport drivers. The Af Bank of South Africa h black chairman, who cer controls his white manage

The Wiehahn Commissio Riekert Commission, which been inquiring into the rions of life and work of blacks, are expected to pu their findings shortly. businessmen in South A believe that these findings lead, for the first time, t removal of discrimin labour laws from the st book. South African law then accurately reflect wha increasingly become pro reality in this bizarre co thanks largely to the infl of the three codes of co the American (Sullivan) the EEC code, and the African Urban Foundation

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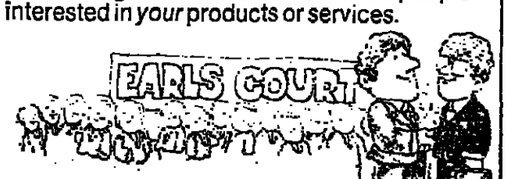
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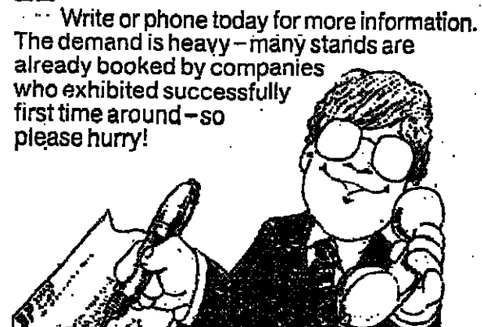
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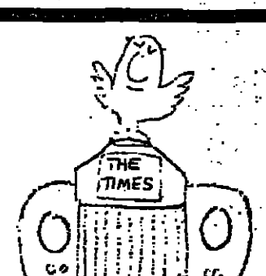
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1 Bond for £1,000

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1 Bond for £500

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30 Bonds for £100 each

37451	37559	37638	37687	37772	37779	37855	37955	38033
38327	38354	38415	38437	38481	39703	39101	39321	39368
39363	39382	39643	39660	40035	41487	42306	42643	43209

31 Bonds for £20 each

44301	44379	44604	44848	45024	45586	45805	45906	46241
46580	46662	46667	46861	47035	47068	47167	47358	47471
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RECAPITULATION

1 Bond for £1,000	£1,0
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30 Bonds for £100 each	£3,0
31 Bonds for £20 each	£ 6
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6 Bonds for £100 each

616	800	893	1817	2709	3600

22 Bonds for £20 each

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6 Bonds for £100 each	£600
22 Bonds for £20 each	£440
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LONDON, 26th October, 1978.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

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With gold promising to stay at its current level for a while, some mines will resort to milling higher grade ore as a way of warding off costs which are still rising at about $20 per ounce of gold mined a year. Among the mines most able to make the change are Vaal Reefs, East Driefontein and Randfontein. Gross cum-premium yields of 15 per cent, 13.5 per cent and 17.5 per cent respectively will probably avert a major switch out of the stocks. But if gold does not pick up again before the middle of next year, investors cannot expect the sizable dividends of the past quarter or two for much longer.

Unit trusts

No room for complacency

After two months in which repurchases have been running at around £36m, it might look as though the unit trust industry has cause for relief in the October figures, which show gross sales more or less in line with those for September at £41.5m, and repurchases reduced to £30.3m. Further reflection, however, suggests that any rejoicing on the industry's part would be premature. Knock off the figures for the last three extraordinary months, and average monthly repurchases for the industry have been running at just over £21m this year against average monthly gross sales of just under £48m). So these latest figures indicate that an abnormally large amount of money is still being taken out. And in contrast to the surge in repurchases in August and September—a reflection of unitholders' desire to take their profits at a time when the United Kingdom market was buoyant—these latest figures were struck for a period when the stock market was falling.

A high level of repurchases is not necessarily going to hurt, of course, providing that net sales continue healthy—and they looked a good deal better this past month, at £11.2m, than they did in September, at only £5m. But the October figure is still a long way short of the monthly average of just under £21m for the year so far. And, still more serious in its implications for the longer-term future of the industry, the number of unit holders' accounts continues to fall—just over 10,000 were eliminated last month.

■ *When interest rates were showing signs of rising during the summer months, there seemed to be a reasonable amount of buying of the two variable rate gilt edged stocks. Yet anyone who thought they might have seen a little capital gain out of their investment, as well, of course, as some interest rate protection, has been sadly disappointed. Both stocks hit low points for the year during October and have so far managed only fairly minor recoveries.*

That is not to say that the stocks have been a disaster. Quite obviously that has not been the case, at least in the sense that their capital value has been very much better maintained this year vis-à-vis fixed coupon stocks. But it still seems to be a moot point among gilt edged brokers as to why the stocks have not performed rather better than they have. Some still argue that the stocks were ill-conceived in the first place; some that the half point differential over Treasury Bill rate is too small; some that the stocks are too complex; some that the real fault lies in the authorities' market tactics with the stocks.

Whatever one's view, however, there does at least seem to be a case for hoping that the stocks may have seen the worst by now. Certainly, hypothetical yields to redemption of over 14 per cent on the assumption of an unchanged Treasury Bill rate over the next three years or so may not be realistic. But prices of around 96 and 94¾ for the two issues could be seen as representing not unattractive capital discounts for stocks that should become sought-after reserve assets for the bank in two and two and a half years' time respectively.

Frank Vogl

Currencies: betting on the future in Chicago

Commodity futures trading in financial instruments, as distinct from agricultural goods, is a fairly new phenomenon, but one that is changing both the commodity exchanges themselves and, more significantly, the way in which international finance is conducted.

The conservative banker or academic economist would probably shudder at the seeming irrationality of it all were he to stand in the gallery of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and watch the daily pandemonium on the floor of the International Money Market (IMM).

Frantic traders scream, waive and rush around as guilders are marked down, gold bullion leaps and Treasury bills are priced in a manner not dissimilar to that used by a bookmaker on a busy day at Ascot.

The IMM already offers futures exchanges in sterling, Canadian dollars, Mexican pesos, Dutch guilders, German marks, French and Swiss francs, 100 fine gold bullion bars, 90-day and one-year Treasury bills and United States silver coins. In the next few months it hopes to start markets for Australian dollars, Italian lire, four-year Treasury notes and Eurodollars.

The breadth and sheer volume of trade on these markets is now so great that foreign and domestic bankers, leading international bullion merchants and an array of leading institutions are now active participants, alongside the traders and individual speculators.

A futures market enables an investor to bet on where the price of a product will be sometime in the future, without having to take possession of that product, and it permits the investor to lay-off or hedge risks he may have taken in other markets.

The IMM also intends to start a new futures market for a composite package of 500 United States stocks, so that, for example, a person with a large portfolio of shares can probably guard himself against a loss in these over, say, the next six months by taking a position six months forward on the future price of the 500 stocks contract offered in Chicago.

Six years ago, when the IMM launched its currency contracts, there were few bankers who took much interest. They could not imagine that this market, designed essentially for the small speculator, could in any way influence the large and sophisticated inter-bank foreign exchange market.

The bankers were wrong. For example, each contract on the IMM in sterling is for £25,000 and in the first eight months of this year alone a total of 168,025 such contracts were written, compared with a total of 78,701 throughout 1977. The growth rate of the futures markets in financial instruments is very rapid.

Inter-bank market

Recently a banker in New York suggested that the foreign exchange market was sometimes being directly influenced by the prices established on the IMM and that he knew of a number of banks that were now covering their positions in the inter-bank market by taking positions in currency futures in Chicago. The arbitrage business in currencies, directly between the inter-bank market and the futures markets, via IMM members, is growing.

"I can see a much closer relationship between our market and the inter-bank market over the next five years", says Mr Leo Melamed, a former chairman of the Mercantile Exchange and one of the original creators of the futures markets in currencies.

The IMM increases the purely speculative element in the establishment of currency prices and many of those who deal in this market are firm believers in charts and historical averages and all the other technical strategies developed over the years in the stock markets. This situation could result in the IMM adding to those foreign exchange market trends, which from time to time tend to exaggerate a particular move in a currency's rate, and could therefore lead to still greater volatility in currency values.

So far it does not seem that central banks are particularly concerned about this, but in time it is not out of the question that some central banks may discover that it might be cheaper for them and less risky to try to peg currency rates through taking futures positions on the IMM, rather than by directly intervening in the foreign exchange market.

American government agencies are not allowed by law to deal directly in the futures markets, but, as one trader noted in Chicago the other day, "laws can be changed".

Just as IMM activity is likely to have an increasing effect on currency values in the years ahead, so its influence on American interest rate trends is also likely to be formidable. Mr Jack Denis, a former Citicorp executive and the new senior vice-president at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, notes that the IMM now does more business in Treasury bills than the New York cash market.

Recently a record volume of contracts, with a face value of some $14,500m, was written for Treasury bills in a single day on this Chicago market.

A natural development for the IMM from the base of markets for currencies and United States interest rates is the creation of a futures market for Eurocurrencies, which will start next year. Governments, as well as institutions and individuals, may well become involved in this, Mr Denis says. He says that government officials getting in touch with the Mercantile Exchange are showing great interest.

Mr Clayton Yeutter, the exchange's chairman, believes that this market will complement the inter-bank forwards market for currencies and he expects actual delivery to be in London. The market could well increase public awareness of Eurodollars and add to the concern of central banks about vast sums of dollars moving around the globe free of central banking control, even though Mr Yeutter suggests that Chicago's new market "will have no influence at all on capital flow trends".

The most striking and most glamorous of the financial futures markets is without doubt that for gold bullion. When one starts talking about this in Chicago one is immediately sent to the offices of Rufenacht, Bromagen and Hertz Incorporated and to this company's president for monetary affairs.

Increasing influence

Mr Maury Kravitz is a huge bear of a man, with a weighty gold bar hanging from a neck chain. He says: "I think I have bought and sold more gold in recent times than anyone else in the western hemisphere."

Each gold futures contract is for 100 fine ounces and in the first eight months of this year more than 1.6 million contracts were written, compared with just over 900,000 in 1977. So big has this market become that Mr Kravitz is convinced that the prices set on the IMM are having an increasing influence on those experts in Europe who daily establish the London and Zurich gold fixing prices.

The London morning fixing still influences opening price levels in Chicago, but the London afternoon fixing is now irrelevant.

The time was when the world's gold markets were totally dominated by a fairly small number of major trading institutions, like the big three Swiss banks, Samual Montagu, Rothschilds in London, J. Aron in New York, and Mocatta Metals. When the IMM's bullion market started three years ago some of these professional gold dealers dominated the activity, accounting for probably 70 per cent of all business. Mr Kravitz says the situation has now changed dramatically.

Individual speculators have become much more interested in gold and now account for possibly 20 per cent of the IMM's volume, while the share held by the professionals is now down to possibly 30 or 40 per cent. The remaining share is accounted for by market traders, moving in and out of contracts with lightening speed, taking light positions and acting as arbitragers for all manner of large clients.

The reduced role of the professionals means that gold price volatility will probably become greater, the general interest in gold will probably continue increasing and, despite the wishes of the International Monetary Fund, gold's international monetary role may well rise, rather than fall, in importance.

So successful have all these markets in financial instruments become and so international is the IMMs clientele these days that the Chicago Mercantile Exchange has decided to take an unprecedented step for any American exchange and open offices away from its home base—one in London and one in New York. It seems quite possible that an office in the Far East might be opened before long, too.

Mr Denis says the IMM is just starting in the field of futures markets for financial instruments and he can well imagine many more types of futures markets geared to United States securities, interest rates and possibly even Eurobonds.

He says that there is even talk of a futures market in inflation, with contracts based on the consumer price index, and adds: "Our responsibility is to serve the needs of the largest financial markets and we will continue to create new markets as we see an economic and investment need for them."

Mexicans stand up to America on gas pricing



Drilling for oil near Poza Rica in the Gulf of Mexico: estimates of potential hydrocarbon reserves have more than doubled over the past year.

Stephen Downer

Mexico City

For more than a year, Mexico and its giant, industrialized neighbour, the United States, have failed to agree on the price of a commodity that the first would dearly love to sell and the second badly needs to buy. That commodity is natural gas.

A break in the deadlock appeared closer last month when a spokesman for Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex) said that the state oil monopoly had received new approaches from a six-company, Texas-led consortium and might reopen negotiations next year.

The consortium, headed by units of Tenneco, signed a letter of intent with Pemex in the summer of 1977. The agreement allowed for the six to buy up to 2,000 million cubic feet of natural gas daily at a price of $2.60 per 1,000 cubic feet.

The deal collapsed when Washington opposed the price. Mr James Schlesinger, The United States Secretary of Energy, said the Carter Administration would not permit Mexico to sell above the $2.16 per 1,000 cubic feet asked for Canadian imported gas.

"Sooner or later", Mexico would have to lower its price, Mr Schlesinger said. Mexican officials responded by declaring that Mexico was prepared to use its gas domestically rather than give in.

The six gas companies claimed that the decision would badly affect United States gas supplies early in the next decade and Washington's stand greatly embarrassed Mexican President José Lopez Portillo. Months earlier he had authorized work to start on an 800-mile, $1,500m pipeline to carry the gas from south-eastern Mexico to the United States border.

Left-wing and nationalist parties sharply criticized the project, which was scaled down after the negative reaction of the United States Government. The line is now being built and is due to be completed by next March, terminating 75 miles short of the frontier.

Although Pemex insists that it will not lower its price, experts note that Mexico may have great difficulty finding domestic markets for its gas.

They point out that Pemex's production target of 4,000 million cubic feet daily by 1982 is extremely conservative. According to Dr Sevinc Carlson, of the United States Centre for Strategic and International Studies, some Pemex engineers believe that one field alone—the Reforma in south-eastern Mexico—may be producing at least 8,000 million cubic feet a day by 1982.

Figures for Mexico's hydrocarbon riches—including oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids—are constantly on the rise.

In December, 1977, Pemex said that the country's proved hydrocarbon reserves were 16,800 million barrels, probable reserves 30,000 million and potential reserves 120,000 million barrels more.

President Portillo said during his annual address to the nation on September 1 that the proven reserves had risen to 20,000 million barrels, the probable to 37,000 million and the potential to an extraordinary 200,000 million.

Then earlier this month Pemex director-general, Señor Jorge Diaz Serrano, announced that an extra 100,000 million barrels of crude oil had been discovered in the Tampico-Misantla area of Mexico.

In 1977, Pemex introduced a $15,500m programme aimed at producing 2.2 million barrels of oil and natural gas liquids daily by 1982. The company now expects to reach its production goal by 1980. By then it expects to be exporting 1.1 million barrels of hydrocarbons daily.

This year, exports are expected to reach 500,000 barrels daily. A CIA report on the oil needs of the United States says that Mexico could have an exportable surplus of up to 5 million barrels daily by 1985.

Oil production in Mexico started early this century. By the early 1920s production had reached about 500,000 barrels a day, about 25 per cent of the world's oil supply. American companies controlled most of the industry.

In 1938, troubles, which began brewing during the 1910-1917 Mexican Revolution, exploded. Mexico accused the international oil companies of inadequately conserving existing reserves, failing to explore for new reserves and unfair labour practices.

The Government nationalized the industry and expropriated the oil companies that same year and Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex) was born. But Mexican oil exports sagged as the oil companies boycotted Mexican products. One estimate put resulting Mexican foreign exchange losses at $25m a year.

The boycott was lifted in 1945. But by then Mexico's production was barely enough to keep pace with the increasing domestic consumption. Government insistence on providing energy to domestic customers at low prices had led to increased demand in the country.

When operating costs increased, Pemex was unable to amass the profits it needed to invest in further exploration. And when it found itself in a position to export a limited amount of crude, the government of the day decided that the greatest benefits to the country could be gained by Pemex's selling refined products abroad instead. There turned out to be few takers.

In the early 1970s Mexico began importing oil and it was not until Pemex was allowed to double the price of domestic oil products in 1974 that Mexico became self sufficient in oil once more. That same year, it began exporting 35,000 barrels of crude daily.

Early in his six-year term, which began in December, 1976, President Portillo said that countries could be divided into those with oil and those without it. "We have it", he said. But many critics believe that oil will not resolve Mexico's problems of massive unemployment, a soaring birth rate and a vastly unequal income distribution.

ness Diary: Free-wheeling Whittaker • Gibbons' deck hand

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ape of the cars divi- aker, who had been rector of the Austin and assembly divi- appointed cars nder the now-dis r plan. nvolved in a big re- of GKN's design nd seemed to be himself. However, Rockware believes that running an outfit with a £100m annual turnover is more suited to his managerial and industrial relations skills.

The move to Rockware should mean that Whittaker's travelling time to work is shortened. While working for GKN he has been commuting to Birmingham from his home at Wargrave, Berkshire. He now has to go only to Northampton, where he is replacing David Bailey, who is to become managing director of the Rockware Group.

Bailey, 44, has been with Rockware since 1960 and has held his present job for the past six years.

Jim Craigie, the present managing director, has decided that at 67 it is time that he stepped down from running the group's day-to-day affairs, although he will continue as group chairman.

■ It is on the cards that Kathleen Wowk will soon emerge as an authority on an investment she does not even know what to call—the buying and selling of playing cards.

Miss Wowk pronounced ("Woke") is the author of *Tarot Cards*, a collector's guide to be published next month by the Stanley Gibbons group, for whom she works as a press officer.

She began to read about and collect Tarot cards about five years ago—long before she joined Gibbons. The firm is to hold an auction of playing cards next Wednesday.

The pursuit has yet to acquire a universally recognized name and this is one thing that Miss Wowk would like to collect. If you have any suggestions, do let her know.

Although it is the investment value of cards with which she is professionally concerned, she does do a little gambling and even some fortune-telling for friends. She declined politely to tell either my fortune or my character with her Tarot cards, but she did vouchsafe me some first impressions from our lunchtime chat.

I am, she says, a soft-centred, down-to-earth opportunist and survivor, with conventional tastes in women. She may be right, she may be wrong, but I will settle for it in case the cards say something worse.



Photograph: Bill Warhurst

House of cards: Stanley Gibbons' Kathleen Wowk in London yesterday.

She prefers reading the Tarot as a "personal mental exercise", interpreting the symbols. One symbol with which she is not happy, however, is the wolf. A wolf or dog-like creature appears on the moon card of some modern Tarot packs.

This, she says, is usually interpreted as a symbol of cunning and deceit. Miss Wowk, who is of Ukrainian extraction, tells me that the English rendering of her name is "wolf", so she prefers the letter by-letter transcription which gives us "Wowk".

Tarot, she says is romanticism personified, full of the magic and ritual that appeals to the lapsed Catholic in her.

Miss Wowk is now writing a longer book, a beginners' guide to collecting all playing cards, which Lutterworth is to publish the year after next. Let us hope that the pursuit has a name by then.

■ On Friday last week I said that I expected a new head of Max Factor cosmetics group to be announced shortly. He is, I now learn, Dale Ratliff, who becomes world president and chief executive officer.

The interesting thing about this appointment is that Ratliff comes out of the same compact as Sam Kalish, recently deposed as Max Factor's head.

Ratliff is executive vice-president of Revlon, Factor's deadly rival and the biggest cosmetics company in the United States. Kalish used to be Ratliff's boss at Revlon before he was poached two years ago by David Mahoney, chairman of Factor's parent, Norton Simon Inc.

This appointment did not work, for Factor tried to "out-Revlon" Revlon, bringing out more new lines than could be made and distributed to the shops in time. Kalish retired earlier this year.

Ratliff, a former marine, is a textiles man who came to Revlon from BVD, the underwear company, and before that was with Playtex, the girdle people.

■ Employees of the accountancy firm Price Waterhouse who work in the spectacular tower block overlooking London Bridge Station are watching British Rail's brand new plastic, glass and steel canopy anxiously. the area is believed to be the windiest part of London and the canopy with its strange brown plastic wings looks delicate.

Proof of the strength of the gales around those parts comes from a Price Waterhouse employee who works on the nineteenth floor of the block. He was alarmed recently to see an open umbrella drifting upward past his window.

Unhappily there was no Mary Poppins attached, but he timed the flight and it was four minutes before the brolly landed daintily on a warehouse by the river.

In this week's Camelford and Delabole Post *(Cornwall) a report headed "Ladies Day at Wadebridge Fatstock Show" starts: "Two young women took the honours at Wadebridge Fatstock Show's centenary exhibition on Monday."*

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Stock markets

Interest centres on gilt edged

Gilt-edged attracted what interest there was yesterday with equity dealers once again complaining about the paucity of business and fearing that the *festive or silly season* in shares will not start until half way through December. Even in gilt edged things were ominously quiet. There was a flicker of interest in longs in the opening minutes of trading but that was all. Renewed weakness in the pound did nothing to help and fund managers were content to await the start of dealings in the two new tap stocks, Treasury 12 per cent 2003-2005, and Exchequer 12¼ per cent 1985 this Friday. The fear is that both will serve to weaken the stocks around the relevant dates so there os no point buying now.

A further factor discouraging interest in either gilts or equities are the attractive returns of up to 12¾ per cen on one month money. While the institutions await further decisive news on the labour front from Ford and BOC International the case for letting cash accumulate seems overwhelming

In a week Parker Timber has come up from 107p to 124p, jumping 11p yesterday. There is nothing in the way of official hullerins or meetings due: Profits fell a bit in the year to last March. Last night all the directors were in a meeting.

The upshot was that gilts at the short end showed losses of between ½ and ¼ whilt longs gave up ¾ to 1.

Equity dealers were equally well aware of the attractions of the money market to institutions and theer was in addition little in the wayof company news to divert them. They also seem to be growing tired of trying to lead the market upward which they have done several times in the past week or two. Instead tehy marked down shares yesterday but unhappily they did not *mark down far enough to stir* up business. Meanwhile the FT index fell by 4.0 to 468.8 on bargains of only 4,268 against 3,756 on Friday and 4,573 last Monday. In London the bargains marked total was a mert 3,326.

Some observers are saying that the FT 30 index is understating the weakness shown by many shares and an additional cause for disquiet is the retreat in nearly all world bourses. A happy exception yesterday was Wall Street.

It rallied in a small way early on the stronger dollar, and thoughts that pending OPEC oil price increases may not be too severe.

Leading industrials were on offer with Unilever and John Brown both 4 down at 534p and 386p. Beechams ex the rights finished the day at 600p an effective fall on the day of 10p. Losses of 3p were registered in Glaxo at 522p and Fisons at 305p. John Brown shed 4p to 386p while BAT remained firm at 270p.

Courtaulds and ICI with figures due this week both eased 1p to 111p and 360p respectively.

Among companies reporting Rexmore improved 2p to 66p after interim figures showing a 20 per cent improvement over last year as the result of a minor textile boom. Australia and New Zealand Banking reporting full year figures finished the day all square at 294p.

On the bid front an after hours agreed bid from Ladbroke, 2p easier at 157p, boosted shares of Myddleton Hotels, which was already the subject of some speculative buying. After an initial rise in the morning of 15p the shares rocketed a further 65p following the £4.6m bid, finishing the day at 295p. Meanwhile, shares of Cedar Holdings returned from suspension and jumped by 5p to 24p after terms from Lloyds and Scotish, whose shares remained unmoved at 84p.

Reports of lottery boom currently underway lifted shares Norton and Wright 10p to 150p but left the other major gambling group J. Coral unchanged at 112p.

Elsewhere, shares of J. Lucas improved 1p to 298p following the annual report coupled with further encouraging noises of an end insight to the Ford dispute. The latter also proved a source of hope for Ford maindealers with Harold Perry up 3p to 111p while BSG International remained firm at 38p.

Shares of Parker Timber continued to rise as a result of further speculative buying moving ahead 11p to 124p. However, a warning from the chairman of W. Canning that the profits expected in the second half were unlikely to materialize set the shares back 10p to 52p.

Not even the seasonal Christmas cheer could inspire stores. Losses of 6p were noted earlier on in GUS's although both the ordinary and the 'A' firmed *towards the end to finish* 2p lighter at 302p and 298p. Boots slipped 2p to 195p while United Drapery Stores and British Homes Stores both shed 1p to 88p and 195p. Only Marks & Spencer fought the trend to finish all square at 84p.

In engineering, news that the Government was reviewing rival turbine designs left GEC 6p lighter at 310p and Northern Engineering 1½p lower at 128p.

M. K. Electric with figures due out later this week was in nervous mood with the shares 5p down at 201p. Other electricals to lose ground included EMI 2p down at 149p, Farnell Electric 3p lighter at 357p, and Racal 2p off at 312p. Only Unitech was able to move against the grain with a rise of 2p to 157p.

Weekend press comment explained a variety of small *movements. But some of the* Sunday recommendations did not move at all. A lot of market men are saying that subscription sheers are now exerting more influence.

However Sunday comment was good for 1p to 52p on Valor and 3p to 54p in Redman Heenan. Saatchi and Saatchi had the best gain on comment, rising 7p to 124p. But Crouch Group, J. Walker Goldsmith and Metal Box all remained unchanged on the day at 64p, 111p and 300p respectively. Metal Box has half time figures today. In the same way, "W" Ribbons, Capital & Counties and Duple marked time at 52p, 58½p and 23½p.

Drinks shares held reasonably steady as hopes of a busy Christmas and likely price increases next year fought against fears of Phase Four wage deals and higher employers national insurance contributions.

The shares in Leigh Interests, the "Sealosafe" waste treatment group rested at 116p. They have been sinking quietly for a week or two. In June it had a £2.71m cash call. The two for five issue was pitched at 130p, a good discount on the existing shares, then 165p. Mrs Joan Agar and her colleagues looked forward to satisfactory results but there is an impression that "Sealosafe" has met temporary problems.

Falls were mainly of 2p or less, as in Arthur Bell at 242p, though Greene King shed 3p to 282p. However Distillers held its own at 198p and Allied Breweries conceded only ½p to 82½p. Allied has figures due soon, but some observers are unhappy with the decision to extend its present accounting period to 17 months so that it closes on March 3, next. The *worry is that the balance-sheet* will presumably look stronger next March than in September when business was at a peak, thus cushioning the impact of the Lyons acquisition.

Insurances and properties fell much in line with the rest of the market and showed falls

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay. date	Year's total
Aust & NZ Bk (F)(b)	—(—)	32.1(20.8)	—(—)	11(19)	25/1*	20(—)
Cambra & Gn Scs (F)	—(—)	0.27(0.24)	—(—)	2.37(3.8)	19/12	—(—)
Fashion & Gen (I)	—(—)	0.073(0.076)	—(—)	2.1(1.9)	22/12	—(—)
Rexmore (I)	17.3(14.6)	0.07(0.57)	7.86(6.65)	1.39(1.25)	17/1*	—(—)
Town Centre Secs (F)	—(—)	0.80(0.46)	1.72(1.40)	0.91(0.81)	—	0.91(0.81)
Wilshaw Secs (F)	1.0(1.5)	0.26c(0.11)	—(—)	Nil(1.32)	—	—(—)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.49. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a=AS and cents. b=net. c=Loss. *=1979.

Myddelton soars on Ladbroke agreed bid

By Our Fincial Staff

The share price of Myddleton Hotels soared 80p to 295p yesterday with the announcement that the Ladbroke Group has made an agreed £4.6m offer for the chain.

The terms of the bid are 300p cash or a cash and share alternative of one new Ladbroke ordinary share plus balance of cash giving an aggregate value of 300p. The group is offering 30p for the preference shares. The Ladbroke Group, which has been pursuing a policy of increasing its hotel and motor inn interests owns 3.6 per cent of the shares, while Myddleton's directors, members of their families and other major shareholders hold a 30.3 per cent stake.

The company has seven hotels in English tourist centres including York, Bath and Eastbourne. Pre-tax profits were £570,000 in the last financial year and Mr Cyril Stein, Ladbroke chairman, said that he expected it to make £750,000 in the current year.

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Australia & NZ Bank puts on 40 p c to full-time £36m

The increased proportion of total assets which Australia & New Zealand Banking Group employed in loans and advances, and the lower level of statutory reserve deposits contributed to a 40 per cent rise in net operating profits to $61.4m (£36.4m) for the year to September 30. The dividend is held at 28c.

International

Banking income went up from $410.9m to $467.2m, while the non-banking side made $246.9m, compared with $199.6m. Other factors in the improved results included a higher percentage of non interest bearing deposits, increased earnings from credit lines and higher commercial bill activity.

The board reports a greater cost recovery through fees and commissions and improved earnings from the United States and New Zealand operations.

The group reports a previously undisclosed contingency reserve of $133.68m (£78.6m). These are the biggest inner reserves to be disclosed by any bank under the new reporting procedures agreed with the Reserve Bank.

The group struck profits after transferring $14.5m to the asset for contingency reserve. The new rules require banks to arrive at their profits before making contingency transfers, and not after, as at present.



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The preferred shares will be entitled to cumulative dividends at the annual rate of $c1.80.

Hudson's Bay says that the offer places a value of $8.27 on each Simpsons share held, and a total value on Simpsons Ltd of $388m.

The company said it has applied for a tax ruling which will provide Canadian shareholders of Simpsons with tax-free roll-over of shares exchanged for the Hudson's Bay shares.

The planned merger of Simpsons and Simpsons-Sears is awaiting the approval of the Foreign Investment Review Agency. The merger would result in Sears, Roebuck owning one-third of the shares of the new company.—Reuter.

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The reorganization will strengthen the area officers' authority for credit approval and personnel hiring and spur the promotion of more locally hired staff to management positions. The move appears to be in line with Bank of America's policy to set up decision-making units closer to the sources of business. The bank started that trend by transferring its Asia division from San Francisco to Tokyo in 1974.—AP-DJ.

Allegheny finds buyer

Allegheny Ludlum Industries Inc has found another West German buyer, the BASF Wyandotte Corporation, unit of BASF AG, for the organic pigments business of its Chemetron Corporation unit.

The company said it does not know if the plan will be opposed by the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC had earlier blocked the division's sale to the Rhinechem Corporation subsidiary of Bayer AG, on the ground that it would reduce competition in the market.

In Washington, an FTC spokesman said the commission would follow its policy of reviewing all major mergers to determine if further investigation was warranted.

BASF Wyandotte's chief products include alkalies, industrial chemicals, organic intermediates, dyestuffs, crop protection chemicals, cleaning materials and printing products such as plates.

Killinghall reshaping

Reconstruction of Killinghall Tin into a Malaysian company, Killinghall Tin (Malaysia) BHD, is expected to take effect on January 11, following shareholder approval of the reconstruction scheme last week, chartered merchant bankers Malaysia BHD said in Kuala Lumpur.

Shareholders registered on January 10 would be allotted two shares of one Ringgit each in the Malaysian company plus 8.19 Ringgit in cash for each stock unit of 25p in Killinghall Tin.

Eastern venture for Metal Box

Metal Box Overseas has set up a joint can-making venture in Hongkong. It is joining the San Miguel Brewery on a 50-50 basis.

Production from a new factory to be built at Tai-po is expected to begin early in 1980. Metal Box will provide management and technological services for the enterprise, to be known as Metal Box Hongkong.

Other Metal Box interests in the East include India, Malaysia and Thailand.

State inroads into insurance 'damaging'

By Richard Allen

A warning that further government intervention in the insurance industry would be *deeply damaging to the national* interest, was given yesterday by Mr Ron Peet, chairman of the British Insurance Association.

Mr Peet, who is chief executive of *Legal & General, said* that any such move could be bad for British policy-holders and create a significant threat to the industry's annual contribution to the balance of payments.

Addressing a London conference of world insurers, Mr Peet said: "It has been suggested that the concentration of institutional investment which *now exists constitutes a mono*poly which should be curbed."

He pointed out that such thinking failed to recognize that there was a large number of institutional hands, all with separate portfolios of assets handled by different managers for clearly defined and differing objectives.

"*This constitutes a multi*plicity of decision-makers sufficient to meet any theoretical definition of a market, and represents a dispersion of decision-making which refutes any of the fashionable 'conspiracy' theories going the rounds."

Stressing that freedom of choice under the present system produces considerable benefits for the nation as a whole, Mr Peet highlighted the new earnings-related pensions scheme as an example of the Government's recognition of this fact.

"Thanks to a close dialogue between successive governments and the pension industry, an employer, in consultation with his employees, can choose between the state and private occupational schemes.



Mr Ron Peet, chief executive of the Legal & General Assurance Society and chairman of the British Insurance Association.

Mr Lacey resigns as McNeill chairman

By Desmond Quigley

Less than two months after taking over as chairman at the troubled McNeill Group, Mr Graham Ferguson Lacey has *resigned from the board.*

In a terse statement last night Mr Ferguson Lacey said that he and his partner Mr Cecil McBrade had resigned "having failed to receive the support of the board for my proposal resulting from a detailed review of the group which I have had carried out since my appointment on October 2".

At the beginning of this month shares of the group were suspended "pending clarification of its financial position".

When Mr Ferguson Lacey became chairman he immediately refuted a statement on the group's trading position which had been made but two weeks earlier by the former chairman, Dr D. B. MacNeill.

Mr Ferguson Lacey commented that losses of the group were still being incurred at a "significant" level. Mr Lacey said he intended to sell or close loss-making activities.

In the annual report published on September 15, former chairman Dr MacNeill said the group's financial position would improve. Mr Ferguson Lacey subsequently commented that the upturn had not materialised.

Last year the group made a loss of £1.27m pre-tax.

Last night it was unclear as to what would happen to the 23 per cent share stake held in McNeill by Birmingham & Midlands Counties Trust, an investment vehicle used by Mr Ferguson Lacey and Mr McBride.

Last night the McNeill board said that the group's bankers had confirmed their continued financial support on the usual terms.

Japanese queue for issues

About 40 Japanese companies are believed to have applied to the Finance Ministry to make *overseas bond issues in the* January-March quarter next year, for a total amount of about $1,300m equivalent.

This total would far exceed the $840m equivalent quarterly *overseas bond issue record set* by private-sector Japanese borrowers in July-September this year, but the Ministry is not expected to approve all the applications when it makes its *final decision, possibly this* Wednesday.

BANQUE D'ALGERIE

Banque Nationale D'Algerie is to float a 50m Swiss franc floating rate note issue on the Swiss capital market through two Swiss banks—Gutzwiller and Kurz Bungener. The 10-year loan—the first by an Algerian bank on the Swiss local market—will be used to finance various industrial projects in Algeria.—AP-DJ.

ELF-AQUITAINE

Ste. Nationale Elf-Aquitaine is launching a 150m franc Eurobond with a 9¾ per cent coupon and maximum life of 10 years. Lead manager is Banque Nationale de Paris and the issue will have an average life of 8.9 years.—Reuter.

LOAN FOR TURKEY

Britain is to provide a 7-year aid loan of £3.729m at 3 per cent to Turkey to meet the cost of refinancing the Turkish Government's official aid debts to United Kingdom falling due between 21 May, 1978, and 30 June, 1979. This follows an agreement signed between the British and Turkish Governments in Ankara.

Euromarkets

TOKYO ELECTRIC

Toyo Electric Co plans to offer a Dm40m, 8-year convertible at 3.5 ped cent and an indicated price of par, Commerzbank AG, lead manager says.—AD.DJ.

DAI-ICHI KANGYO

Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank will issue $30m of three-year negotiable floating rate Asian dollar certificates of deposit at ⅛ per cent above six month Singapore Interbank offered rate through its Singapore branch. Lead manager is Merrill Lynch International (Asia).

Whitecroft wins Randalls

By Alison Mitchell

Whitecroft, the Manchester-based textiles engineering and building products concern has stepped up its offer for Randalls Group and this time it has the backing of the Whitecroft board.

The announcement follows the suspension of the Randalls shares, at 112p on Friday, and major shareholder Ferguson Industrial has this time agreed to the terms. Together with the directors' stakes, the 25 per cent owned by Ferguson gives Whitecroft acceptances of 53.2 per cent.

The new terms are one ordinary Whitecroft share and 124p in cash for every two Randalls shares. This compares with the 114p cash offered with the shares last time.

On a Whitecroft share price of 105p this values the Randalls shares at 114½p and capatilises the group at £2.9m.

Ferguson was known to have been talking to Randalls in September with a view to some sort of tie up. It already held 10.8 per cent of the equity and, although no terms were unveiled it later bought 325,000 Randalls shares from an investment subsidiary of Keyser Ullmann on an eight for nine share exchange basis. At that level the Randall shares were valued at 106p but averaging the whole 25 per cent stake market men think that Ferguson paid around 85p per share.

Accepting the offer at 114½p gives Ferguson a profit on the deal of some £187,000 gross.

Randalls preference share *holders will be offered 100p*—the par value—in cash.

Whitecroft's advisers J Henry Schroder Wagg will be sending the formal offer documents to shareholders this week.

Town Centre return begins to justify capital spending

After a year in which pre-tax profits leapt 71 per cent to £801,000 in the 12 months to end-June last, Mr Arnold Ziff, chairman of Town Centre Securities looks forward to further growth in the next two years.

The board proposes a one-for-two scrip issue and is raising the dividend from 1.23p to 1.35p gross. Earnings per share are 1.72p against 1.4p.

Peters Stores set for further increase

Peters Stores, the north east-based retailer, should show a further increase in profits if the Christmas trade is up to expectations and the current trend continues where sales are comfortably ahead of last year, said Mr Joseph Gould, chairman, in the annual report. Last year's profits amounted to £426,000 on £6m turnover.

No payout from Wilshaw Secs

With help from the Government's temporary employment subsidy, Wilshaw Securities, which makes hydraulic presses and equipment, managed a profit of £60,000 for the second half-year to July 31.

This cut losses of £324,000 made at half time to just £264,000 for the full year, this compares with a profit of £112,000 for last year and there is no dividend against 1.99p gross. Turnover slipped from £1.55m to £1.05m.

The first-half loss was caused by "unforseen difficulties which led to the cancellation of some contracts.

Reverse deal for Empress Services

The "reverse takeover" by which Empress Services (Holdings) was to acquire Brengreen (Holdings) and change its name to Brengreen Holdings has been altered. Empress will now be buying Exclusive Cleaning, which has 70 per cent of Brengreen.

Empress will still be offering 4.8m shares and £800,000 of loan stock plus £368 cash.

Rexmore hopeful after 21 pc rise

Rexmore, the Liverpool-based textile group, is enjoying the fruits of a minor boom

Pre-tax profits increased by 21 per cent to £701,000 and turnover by 23 per cent to £17.4m in the six months The interim dividend is raised from 1.89p gross to 2.07p.

Briefly

UBM Group

Colguy Holdings, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sir Robert McAlpine has increased its holding to 3.93m shares (6.08 per cent).

FOTHERGILL & HARVEY

The rights issue of 2.054m ordinary shares has been taken up on 1,933m shares (94.13 per cent).

A. KERSHAW & SONS

Rank Organization has acquired a further 159,800 shares (about 1.8 per cent) making total holding 7.1m shares (about 82 per cent). Shares were acquired on November 16 at, it is understood, the market price.

BROOK STREET BUOYANT

"Trade remains buoyant", says joint chairman, Mr Eric Hurst. Shareholders approved an increase in authorized capital from £750,000 to £1.25m and a one-for-two scrip.

FASHION & GENERAL INVEST

Pre-tax profit per half year to September 30, £73,000 (£70,000). Board expects full year to show an improvement over previous year and expects to pay maximum dividend. Interim is raised from *2.9p to 3.13p gross.*

INT TIMBER CORP

The International Timber Corporation offers for Bambergers has been accepted on 8.446m units, representing 87.4 per cent and 89.6 per cent of preference share capital.

$70M FOR COSTA RICA

Instituto Costaricense de Electricidad, Costa Rica's state-owned electricity firm, is raising a $70m loan for 10 years with five years grace, Libra Bank said as lead manager. Interest is one per cent above London interbank offered rates for three years.

Bovis awarded £9m Middle East orders

Bovis International has won two Middle East contracts together worth more than £9m. The larger, worth £8.5m, is to build water mains in Kuwait. The other is for an industrial complex in Mecca. Last month, Bovis was awarded a £15m contract for schools and warehousing in Riyadh.

More hotel ventures to come

Mr Gulliver's latest travels

It must be a fair bet that Mr James Gulliver is as busy now as he ever was in his days at Fine Fare, Associated British Foods' successful supermarket chain, and at Oriel Foods. For, while actively engaged on a series of acquisitions to strengthen *the fledgling food company, James* Gulliver Associates has entered the almost equally competitive hotel market.

Quoted companies may be able to do things on a slightly larger scale—witness yesterday's £4.2m bid by Ladbroke Group for the seven strong Myddleton Hotels chain, but James Gulliver Associates appears to have the financial backing and the apparent eye for an opportunity to move just as quickly.

In conjunction with a friend and not-too-distant neighbour in Hertfordshire, Mr David Newling Ward, Gulliver Hotels has already acquired a recently built hotel and a fifteenth century coaching inn at Bourne End, Hemel Hempstead, for an aggregate consideration of about £500,000. The Gulliver camp is taking a 70 per cent stake *in the new hotel company while* Mr Newling Jones, who sold the last of his five hotels about 18 months ago, is subscribing for the remaining equity.

Mr David Webster, a James Gulliver Associates' director and formerly head of *corporate finance* at Oriel, is taking much of the executive responsibility for the hotels venture and he is already sizing up two further acquisitions. The financial muscle comes from merchant bank, Noble Grossart, which, with Mr Webster and Mr *Michael Grant*, also controls a near 30 per cent stake in Shrewsbury-based food discount group, Morgan Edwards through Avonmiles. urther funds will come from Charterhouse Japher which, like Noble Grossart, has a stake in James Gulliver Foods.

Mr Webster admits that after a long career in food, hotels "are certainly a new venture for us. But we have been attracted to the area for some time because the sector is reasonably stable and well asset-backed". The hotels chain, when it evolves, will be concntrated in the Home Counties, the Thames Valley and the Cotswolds and will generally comprise units of between 50 and 60 bedrooms.

The South-East has been chosen since it "probably offers the best margins in the entire trade" while the Cotswolds are *enjoying a spin-off from Birmingham* which, is possibly somewhat under-hotelled now that the National Exhibition Centre is complete.

A hotel acquisition in the Thames Valley and another in the Cotswolds should not, *given James Gulliver Associates' track* record, be long a-coming and, at the same time, the triumvirate should be announcing another acquisition for the foods offshoot before Christmas. In typically fleet-footed fashion, James Gulliver Foods had already absorbed a wine business before the formation of the company was announced but further purchases will be outside the drinks trade, possibly in the food processing area. The acquisition effort will clearly not be inhibited by a lack of finance. "Our cash balances are burning a hole in our pockets", Mr Webster says, "and if we need further backing it will be there".

While a great deal more spending should be in the pipeline, Mr Gulliver has already built up a web-like spread of fast moving interests. He and his colleagues have a 15 per cent stake in double glazing group, Alpine Holdings, which many expect to make about £1.75m in the year to end-January next against £930,000 pre-tax. A restraint of trade agreement imposed by Oriel Foods prevents him joining Messrs Webster and Grant at Morgan Edwards *until the end of the year but it is* "reasonable conjecture" but he will be taking an interest in the recovery in Shrewsbury thereafter. Avonmiles, which is backed by Noble Grossart, holds almost 30 per cent of Morgan Edwards, with an option to lift the stake to 36.2 per cent before March 1981. In addition, James Gulliver Associates owns 51 per cent of the Foods operation and now 70 per cent of the new hotels enterprise.

Each company", Mr Webster explains, "will have its own policy objectives and *its momentum". The longer term strategy,* he says, is difficult to anticipate and those interested in the relative attractions of a Stock Exchange quote to a thriving, and seemingly well-funded, private company, will be watching closely to see whether the *trio are prepared to embark on the long*, and sometimes fraught, route to a public listing. Clearly, Mr Gulliver and his friends have no need to rush any fences at this stage.

Ray Maughan

Penpine denies reverse bid imminent

Shares in West Yorkshire car distributor Pennine Motor Group touched a year's high of 16p on speculation that privately owned major shareholder Premwain is about to reverse into the group.

However, Mr Geoffrey Tankard, chairman of Pennine, denied yesterday that this was the case. Earlier this year the group completed negotiations with Premwain to stabilize loss making Pennine's financial position. Although details of the deal have not yet been made public, the chairman revealed that they will be made known *to shareholders before the an*nual meeting next month.

It is thought that Mr Tankard will also be announcing an acquisition this week.

Life assurance funds flow at record level

New funds continue to pour into life assurance at record levels, according to latest statistics from the three leading life associations.

New annual premiums for individual life assurance (excluding occupational pension and assurance schemes) amounted to £130m in the third quarter of this year compared with £102m.

New single premiums totalled £140m against £130m, according to figures issued by the Life Offices Association, Associated Life Offices and Industrial Life Offices Association.

These figures take the nine months' total for new annual premiums up by 27 per cent to £391m and that of new single premium business up by 18 per cent to £417m.

Options

It was a noteworthy day in traded options. The pitch arranged fewer deals than ever before. Total business, reflecting the hush in the main market, slumped to 199 contracts after the 271 of Friday and Thursday's 585. Yet as recently as last Tuesday the total was 1,230, comparing with the pitch's busiest times.

What business there was yesterday was mostly in Courtaulds which has interim figures out tomorrow (Wednesday). There is a wide split in broking opinion about the outcome. As many as 94 deals were done in Courtaulds, with 47 in the January 120 series and 42 in the April 130 series. The shares themselves slipped 1p to 111p.

Business appointments

Managing director for Rockware Group

Mr David Bailey is to succeed Mr J. H. Craigie as group managing director, Rockware Group. Mr Craigie remains as chairman of the group. The new managing director of Rockware Glass will be Mr Derek Whittaker.

Mr Gilbert Hogg has been appointed head of British Gas Legal Services and will take up the post on February 1.

Mr John Woolf becomes overseas adviser to the Central Electricity Generating Board from January 1. He will succeed Mr Peter Vinter who retires early next year.

Mr Stuart McGregor has joined the board of Redland Pure as director, transport operations.

Sir Thomas Sopwith, 90, founder president and a director of the Hawker Siddeley Group, will retire from the board at the end of the year. The board has asked him to remain founder president for life. Mr R. J. Dowding becomes an executive director of Hawker Siddeley International *responsible for Latin America.*

Mr Keith Mitchell has been appointed chief executive of the Institute of Export.

Mr Tony Livermore has been appointed by Penta Hotels as director of finance.

Mr William Husband becomes managing director of the engineering division of Valor from January 1, succeeding Mr Kenneth Stockwell, who is to retire.

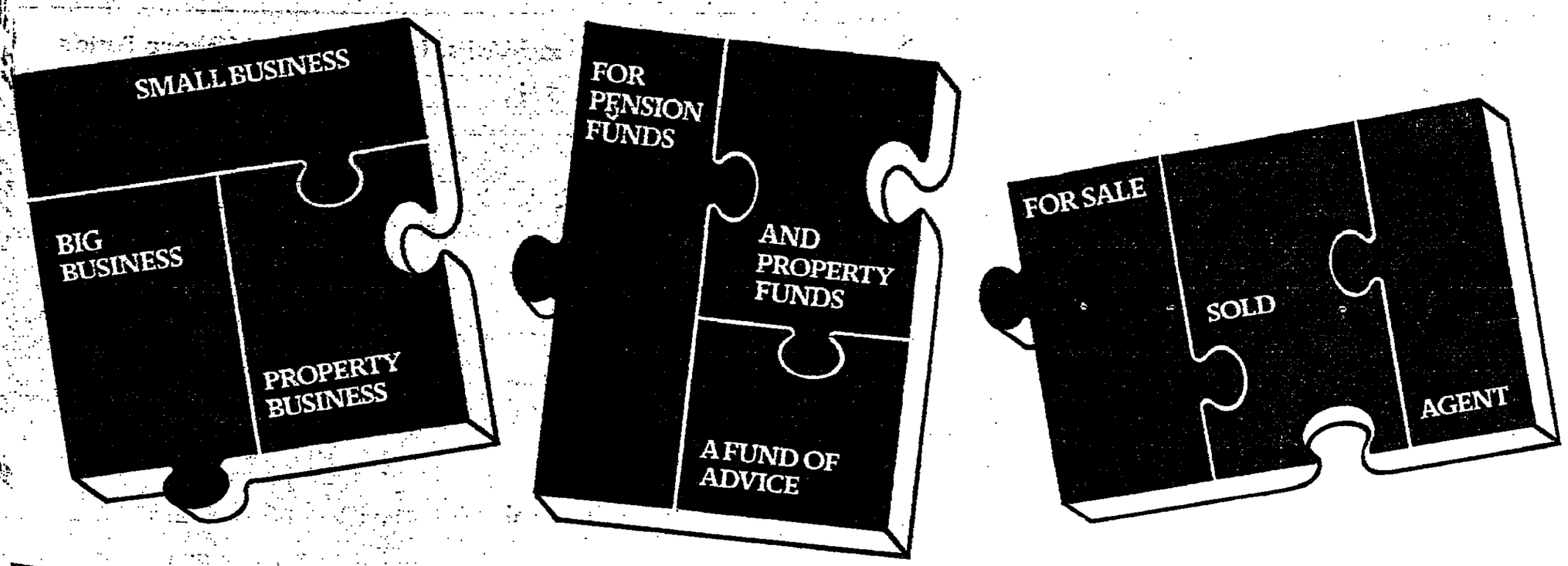
Mr H. P. Sullivan has been made a director of James K. Dennis with special responsibilities for production.

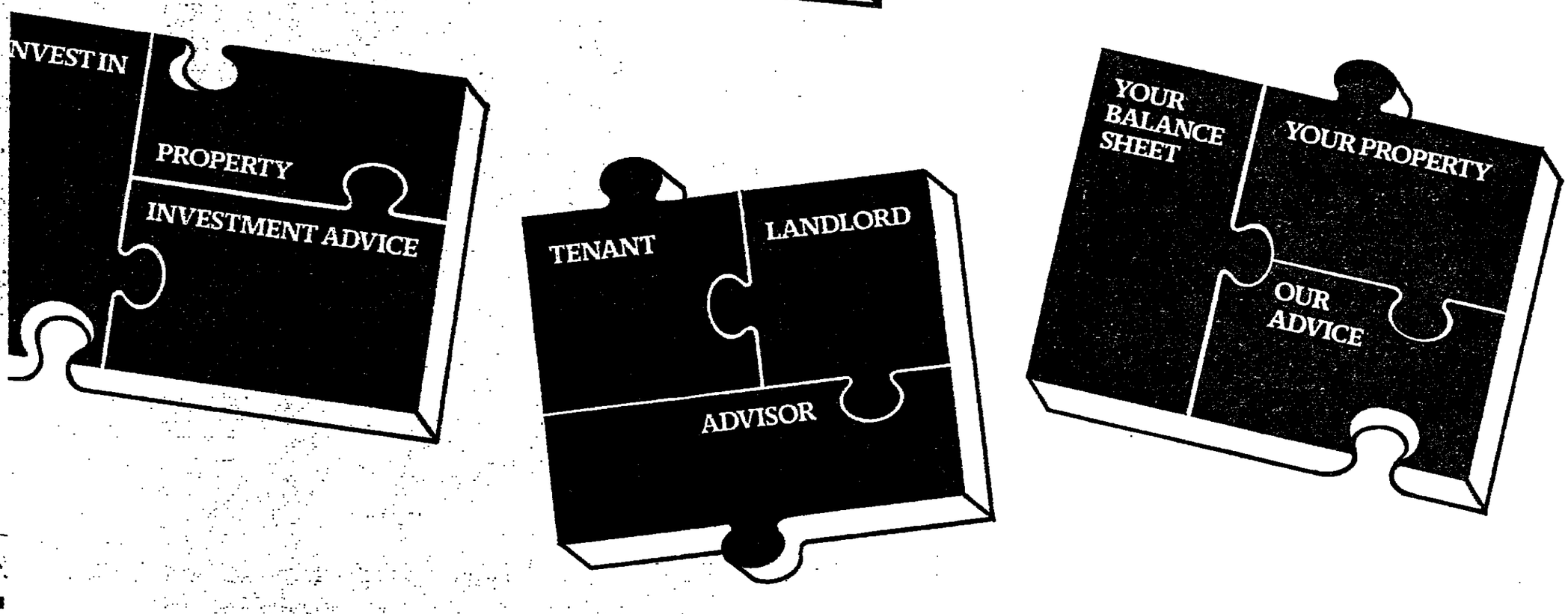
Mr M. J. Foden has become managing director of Gough Cooper (Contracts). Mr K. F. Fraser has been made a director, and Mr R. J. F. Barrett has been appointed a director of Gough Cooper Services.

Mr John Buswell has joined the board of Charrington & Company. Mr Norman Chaplin is to join the board of Bass North West as *commercial director, on January 1.*

Mr Lindsay Pitkethly has been appointed to the board of Myddleton Hotels with responsibility for sales and marketing policy.

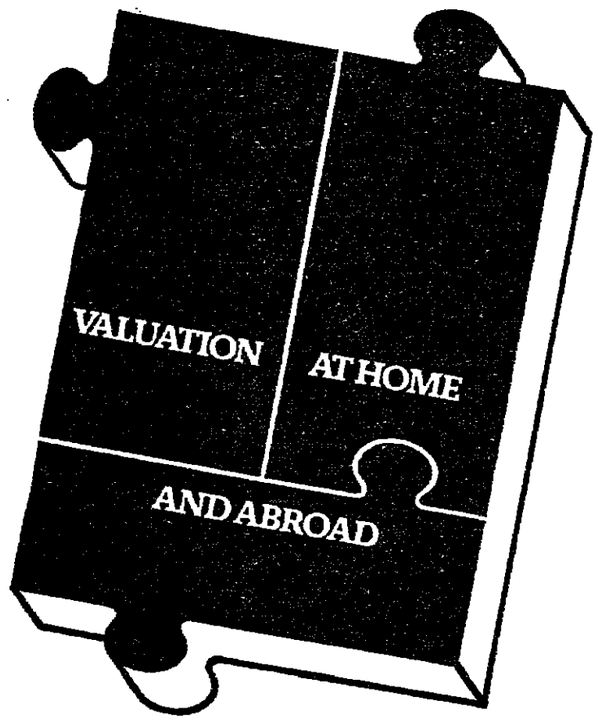
Mr Sam Alper is the new chairman of Ogle Design. Mr Michael Wilson has also joined the board.





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Foreign Exchange

Some profit-taking from New York trimmed back best gains made by the dollar in moderately active foreign exchange trading yesterday. Sterling appreciated late in the session moving up to 1.9410 briefly before settling for a 55 point gain overall at 1.9350 compared with 1.9295 at Friday's close.

At the outset the pound had dipped as low as 1.920 with its trade weighted index finishing at 62.2 after 62.1 at the opening and compared with 62.3 at its previous close.

Dealers said the early support for the dollar that had reflected the strength on Far Eastern markets overnight soon waned.

Later on, the dollar was encouraged by the United States Assistant Treasury Secretary's statement that there would be no limit to the amount of intervention needed to stabilize the United States unit. The gain made by sterling was largely a technical reaction with buyers of pounds continuing to hold off, because of the uncertainty prevailing on pay and industrial troubles in the UK.

The dollar meanwhile, finished ahead against the Swiss franc but well below its best at 1.7400 (1.7200).

Gold rose by $1.25 an ounce to close at $199.875 an ounce in London.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) November 20	Market rates (close) November 20
New York	$1.9210-9420	$1.9345-9355
Montreal	$2.2523-2780	$2.2710-2730
Amsterdam	4.03-08fl	4.06¾-7¼fl
Brussels	58.45-59.00f	58.84-94f
Copenhagen	10.30-39k	10.37½-8¼k
Frankfurt	3.71-3¼m	3.73-74m
Lisbon	90.30-91.30e	90.80-91.30e
Madrid	138.25-139.05p	138.80-139.00p
Milan	1642-58lr	1649-51lr
Oslo	9.90-98k	9.96¼-7¼k
Paris	8.54-61f	8.60¼-60¾f
Stockholm	8.51-57k	8.53¾-4¾k
Tokyo	373-83y	378¼-79y
Vienna	27.15-40sch	27.27-37sch
Zurich	3.36-43f	3.36-37f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971, was down 0.1 at 62.2 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.38-.28c prem	1.27-1.17c prem
Montreal	.50-.40c prem	1.87-1.77c prem
Amsterdam	1¾-¾c prem	5¼-4¼c prem
Brussels	20-10c prem	70-55c prem
Copenhagen	1¼-3¼ore disc	3½-5¼ore disc
Frankfurt	3¼-2¾pf prem	10-9pf prem
Lisbon	50-110c disc	140-280c disc
Madrid	par-70c disc	90-260c disc
Milan	2-3lr disc	6¼-6¾lr disc
Oslo	2¼-1¼ore prem	3½-3¼ore prem
Paris	4-3c prem	10¼-9¼c prem
Stockholm	4¼-2¾ore prem	11-8ore prem
Vienna	16-8gro prem	53-43gro prem
Zurich	4¼-3¼c prem	11¾-10¾c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.8515-15.

Euro-$ Deposits

Calls, 9¼-9¾; seven days, 9¼-9¾; one month, 10¾-10¾; three months, 11¼-11¼; six months, 11¾-11¾.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $199.15 (an ounce); pm, $199.35.

Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $203½-205½ (£103¼-106¼); resident, $209-211 (£108-109). Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $53-55 (£27½-28½); resident, $59½-61½ (£30¼-31¼).

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Arncliffe Hldrs 10p Ord (42½)	43+1
Whim Mining 60c (£50 30)	65-1
Bristol Wtr 7% Pf 1983 (-a)	£10
Camden 12½% Red 1985 (£99¾d)	£97¼-¼
Croda Did Ord	31-1
Crosby Hse 10% Cnv Pf 90 (Par.)	£103
Ferranti 50p Ord (101)	3⅛
Laing Properties 25p Ord	211-3
Do A 25p Ord	211-3
Marlborough Prop 5p Ord	20
Rickmansworth Wtr 7% 85 (£97½a)	£9¾
Rightwise 10p Ord	11½+3
Do 10% Cnv £100	126
Southwark 12½% 1987 (£99⅝a)	£46+¼
W Kent Wtr 7% Pf 1983 (£97½a)	£9½

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Beecham Grp (500)		32 prem
Brown Ind (35d)	Dec 12	40 prem-8
Lapper Neill (67)	Jan 1	4½ prem-1
Fothergill (5)	Dec 12	109f
Newman Ind (75)	Jan 12	2½ prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £55 paid.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 12½%
(Last changed 9 11 78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 12½%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 12½ Low 11½
Week Fixed: 11¾-11½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11⅞	2 months	11¾
3 months	11⅞	3 months	11⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	12⅛-11⅞	3 months	12⅝
3 months	11⅞-11⅝	4 months	12⅝
4 months	11⅞-11¾	6 months	12
6 months	11⅞-11⅝		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	11-10½	7 months	12-11¾
2 months	12½-12	8 months	12-11¾
3 months	12½-12	9 months	11⅞-11⅝
4 months	12¼-12	10 months	11¾-11¾
5 months	12½-12	11 months	11⅞-11⅝
6 months	12-11¾	12 months	11⅞-11⅝

Secondary Mkt ECD Rates(%)

1 month	12⅝-12½	6 months	12⅛-11⅞
3 months	12⅛-12½	12 months	11¾-11⅝

Local Authority Market(%)

2 days	12	3 months	12⅜
7 days	12½	6 months	12⅜
1 month	12½	1 year	11⅞

Interbank Market(%)
Overnight: Open 12 Close 13

1 week	12½-12	6 months	12⅛-12⅛
1 month	12¼-12⅛	9 months	11⅞-11⅝
3 months	12½-12⅜	12 months	11⅞-11⅝

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt Rate%)
3 months 12⅝ 6 months 12⅛

Finance House Base Rate 10%

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	12½%
Barclays Bank	12½%
BCCI Bank	12½%
Consolidated Crdts	12½%
C. Hoare & Co	*12½%
Lloyds Bank	12½%
London Mercantile	12½%
Midland Bank	12½%
Nat Westminster	12½%
Rossminster	12½%
TSB	12½%
Williams and Glyn's	12½%

* 7 day deposit on sums of £10,000 and under 10%, up to £25,000, 10¼%, over £25,000, 10½%.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
79	29	Airsprung Ord	74	—	5.5	7.4	9.7
215	106	Airsprung 18½% CULS	215	—	18.5	8.6	—
46	25	Armitage & Rhodes	40	—	3.6	9.0	7.3
185	105	Bardon Hill	185	—	12.0	6.0	10.0
72	26	Deborah Ord	66	—	2.8	4.2	4.1
242	108	Deborah 17½% CULS	242	—	17.5	7.2	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	130	—	12.4	9.5	4.1
155	135	George Blair	155	—	15.0	9.6	5.8
60	36	Jackson Group	60	+1	5.0	8.3	7.0
116	55	James Burrough	116	—	6.5	5.6	10.7
340	188	Robert Jenkins	305	—	29.7	9.7	5.0
25	9	Twinlock Ord	24	—	—	—	21.4
82	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	80	—	12.0	15.0	—
112	54	Unilock Holdings	112	—	7.4	6.6	12.0
132	67	Walter Alexander	132	+2	7.2	5.4	8.1

Commodities

COPPER was steadier.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £749-50; three months, £770.50-71. Sales: 4,700. Cash cathodes: £737.50-39.50. Morning.—Cash wire bars: £746-47.50; three months: £767.50-68.00; Settlement: £746.50. Sales: 9,100 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes: £736.00-36.50; three months: £756-57. Settlement: £736.50. Sales: 9,068 (mainly carries).

SILVER was irregular.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot: 310.40p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 598.75); three months: 318.40p (610.15c); six months: 326.65p (623.85c); one year: 343.40p (643.85c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash 306.6-06.9; three months: 314.9-15.1p. Sales: 70 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash: 308.2-308.5p; three months. Settlement: 308.5p. Sales: 84 lots.

TIN was easier.—Afternoon.—Standard cash: £7,470-90 a metric ton (mainly carries); three months: £7,375-85. Sales: 395 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash £7,490-7,518; three months: £7,385-305. Sales: 20 tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £7,520-40; three months: £7,430-40. Settlement: £7,540. Sales: 1,100 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £7,550-60; three months: £7,440-60. Settlement: £7,560. Sales: five tons. Singapore tin ex-works: $M1,935 a picul.

LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £391-92 per metric ton; three months, £382-83. Sales, 1,300 tons. Morning.—Cash, £390-90.50; three months, £380-80.50; settlement, £390.50. Sales, 3,800 tons.

ZINC was steadier.—Afternoon.—Cash, £344.50-45.50 a metric ton; three months, £ . Sales tons. Morning.—Cash, £342-44; three months, £355-56. Settlement, £344. Sales, 1,900 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £165.20 ($320.00) a troy ounce.

ALUMINIUM was quiet, but steady.—Afternoon.—Three months, £607-08 a metric ton. Sales, 150 tons. Morning.—Three months, £607.50-608. Sales, 500 tons.

RUBBER was quiet and slightly easier (pence per kilo).—Dec, 59.70-59.95; Jan, 60.55-60.85; Jan/March, 61.65-61.75; April/June, 64.45-64.50; July/Sept, 66.75-66.90; Oct/Dec, 68.95-69.00; Jan/March, 71.20-71.25; April/June, 73.50-73.55; July/Sept, 75.75-75.85.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were easier.—Spot, 59.50-60.50. Cifs, Dec, 60.50-60.60; Jan, 61.25-61.75.

COFFEE futures were irregular.

ROBUSTAS (£ per metric ton).—Nov, 1,318-30; Jan, 1,316-18; March, 1,277-80; May, 1,218-20; July, 1,182-87; Sept, 1,150-54; Nov, 1,125.35. Sales, 4,804 lots including 19 options.

COCOA futures were steady.—(£ per metric ton).—Dec, 2,118.0-20.0; March, 2,170.0-71.0; May, 2,200.0-01.0; July, 2,190.0-91.0; Sept, 2,168.0-70.0; Dec, 2,121.0-26.0; March, 2,090.0-2,115. Sales: 3,893 lots including 18 options. ICCO prices: daily, 183.73c; 15-day average, 180.37c; 22-day average, 179.93 (US cents per lb).

SUGAR.—The London daily price of "raws" was unchanged at £100.00; the "whites" price was £4 higher at £104.00. Futures were steady.—(£ per metric ton): Dec, 109.00-09.20; March, 112.85-12.90; May, 115.05-15.10; Aug, 118.20-18.40; Oct, 121.10-21.50; Dec, 123.50-23.90; March, 127.50-127.90. Sales: 3,021 lots. ISA prices: 7.78c; 15-day average, 8.30c. White sugar was quiet.—Feb, 110.00-10.50; April, 114.75-15.00; July, 120.00-20.25; Sept, 123.50-24.25; Nov, 127.00-29.00; Feb, 133.00-34.00; April, 135.00-38.50. Sales 192 lots.

SOYABEAN MEAL was slightly easier.—Dec, £116.50-16.80 per metric ton; Feb, £122.00-22.20; April, £122.40-22.70; June, £122.50-23.00; Aug, £122.50-24.00; Oct, £121.50-23.00; Dec, £122.00-24.00. Sales, 77 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were quiet (pence per kilo).—Australian: Dec, 229.0-31.0; March, 233.0-35.0; May, 237.0-40.0; July, 230.0-39.0; Oct, 230.0-38.0; Dec, 236.0-38.0; March, 237.0-39.0; May, 240.0-44.0. New Zealand Crossbreds (quiet).—Dec, 18.0-86.0; March, 182.0-85.0; May, 182.0-85.0; July, 182.0-86.0; Oct, 188.0-92.0; Dec, 192.0-96.0; March, 192.0-96.0; May, 192.0-98.0.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian Western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Nov/Dec, £94.50 Tilbury. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Nov, £90.50; Dec, £90.75; Jan, £92.00. US hard winter No 2, 13½ per cent: Dec, unquoted; Jan, £89.75 transhipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French option unquoted; French: Nov, £105.80; Dec, £105 east coast. South African white No 1/2: Jan, £67.50 UK. South African yellow No 1/2: Jan, £67.50 UK.

BARLEY.—English feed fob was unquoted. All per tonne CIF UK unless stated.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Nov-Dec, $495 per long ton. "D" grade, Nov-Dec, $489.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was Nov, £81.60; Jan, £83.60; March, £85.90; May, £88.40. Sales: 198 lots. WHEAT was Nov, £89.50; Jan, £91.15; March, £93.50; May, £96.10. Sales: 211 lots.

Home Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices.

	Other milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Centra-Scotland	—	£91.50	£79.90
Cambridge	—	£84.80	£77.90

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 20. GB: Cattle 67.88p per kgIw (—0.16); UK: Sheep 131.4p per kg est dcw (—1.01); GB: Pigs 64.5p per kgIw (no change). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 0.4 per cent, average price 7.45p (—0.30); Sheep numbers down 22.1 per cent, average price 132.7p (—0.9); Pig numbers down 2.4 per cent average price 64.9p (no change). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 16.0 per cent, average price 70.33p (+0.30); Sheep numbers down 6.4 per cent, average price 130.9p (—0.3), Pig numbers up 30.5 per cent, average price 65.7p (+0.9).

Wall Street

New York, Nov 20.—Big oil stocks dominated as the market moved broadly higher in moderate trading, marking its fourth straight advance.

Dealers said investors were encouraged by continued firmness in the dollar and the news that Saudi Arabia will oppose any oil price rise at the Opec oil pricing conference next month.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose almost eight points to 805.61 on turnover of 24 million shares, off slightly from the 25.17 million traded on Friday.

Investors were encouraged by comments from the Federal Reserve Board that there were signs of slower money supply growth.

But dealers believed the low volume accompanying the advance indicated an easing of selling pressure rather than any rush to buy stocks. They said the market remains vulnerable.

The Commerce Department said the United States budget deficit narrowed to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $22,600m in the third quarter from $23,600m in the second quarter.

Silver fluctuates

New York, Nov 20.—Comex silver futures fluctuated over a broad base today amid widespread market talk that a commission house could take large deliveries of 1978 December silver here. The December. SILVER: Nov, 601.50c; Dec, 602.50c; Jan, 604.50c; March, 610.00c; May, 616.00c; July, 622.20c; Sept, 628.50c; Dec, 640.00c; Jan, 644.00c; March, 652.00c; May, 660.00c; July, 668.00c; Sept, 676.00c. GOLD. The market was barely steady. NY COMEX: Nov, $197.90; Dec, $198.50; Jan, $200.00; Feb, $201.80; April, $205.70; June, $209.60; Aug, $213.50; Oct, $217.40; Dec, $221.40; Feb, $225.50; April, $229.70; June, $233.90; Aug, $238.10. CHICAGO IMM: Dec, $198.20-197.90; March, $203.00-203.10; June, $208.30-207.60; Sept, $213.90-213.70; Dec, $219.00; March, $224.80; June, $231.50; Sept, $238.00.

COPPER.—Comex prices closed mostly 0.05 cents down after a quiet session. Nov, 64.65c; Dec, 64.85c; Jan, 65.55c; March, 67.05c; May, 68.25c; July, 69.35c; Sept, 70.40c; Dec, 71.70c; Jan, 72.15c; March, 73.10c; May, 74.05c; July, 74.90c; Sept, 75.75c.

SUGAR.—The tone of the market was barely steady.—Jan, 8.07-10c; March, 8.69-72c; May, 8.87-88c; July, 9.07c; Sept, 9.28-29c; Oct, 9.39c; Jan, 9.55-60c; March, 9.95-97c.

COCOA.—Prices were very steady, closing at or near the highs with gains of 2 cents.—Dec, 183.70c; March, 184.25c; May, 184.00c; July, 183.15c; Sept, 180.90c; Dec, 176.45c.

COFFEE.—Prices were firm. Dec, 135.75-375c; March, 134.50-475c; May, 132.00-450c; July, 132.50-300c; Sept, 129.50-3125c; Dec, 128.50-900c; March, 128.00c bid.

COTTON.—Prices were steady. Dec, 67.87-800c; March, 71.36-43c; May, 73.00-05c; July, 73.45c; Oct, 67.70-90c; Dec, 66.25c; March, 67.50-40c; May, 67.10-800c.

SOYABEANS.—Soyabean futures closed with losses of 2 to 3 cents. SOYABEANS: Nov, 655-3¼c; Jan, 664¾-5¼c; March, 677¼-6¼c; May, 683¼-4c; July, 687-8c; Aug, 683-4¼c; Sept, 661c; Nov, 650c. SOYABEAN OIL: Dec, 23.75-80c; Jan, 23.95-24.00c; March, 24.12-10c; May, 24.15c; July, 24.13c; Aug, 24.10c; Sept, 23.65-80c; Oct, 23.60c; Dec, 23.40-50c. SOYABEAN MEAL: Dec, $181.50-90; Jan, $183.50-70; March, $184.50-520; May, $184.20-450; July, $184.00-450; Aug, $184.00-50; Sept, $182.50; Oct, $178.00-20; Dec, $177.80-800.

CHICAGO GRAINS. Wheat prices closed lower after a dull session. WHEAT: Dec, 357¼-7c; March, 346¼-¾c; May, 337-6¾c; July, 320¼-2c; Sept, 321¼c; Dec, 328¼-¼c. MAIZE: Dec, 226¼-5¾c; March, 236¼-¾c; May, 244c; July, 149-8¾c; Sept, 150¼c; Dec, 253¼-¼c. OATS: Dec, 131¾c; March, 145¾c; May, 149¼c; July, 151c; Sept, 153¼c.

	Nov 20	Nov 17
Allied Chem	31	31¼
Allied Stores	24¼	24
Allied Supermkt	¾	¾
Allis Chalmers	30¼	30¼
Alcoa	46	45
Amax Inc	44	44
Amerada Hess	26½	26
Am Airlines	12¾	12½
Am Brands	48¾	48½
Am Broadcast	36¾	35¾
Am Can	36	36¼
Am Cyanamid	25¼	24¾
Am Elec Power	21½	21½
Am Home	28	27¾
Am Motors	6¼	5¾
Am Nat Res	38¾	38¼
Am Standard	41½	40¾
Am Telephone	61¼	61
AMF Inc	16	16
Armco Steel	18¾	19¼
Asarco	13½	14
Ashland Oil	46¾	45¾
Atlantic Richfield	55¼	55
Avco	22½	22¼
Avon Products	53¾	53
Bankers Tst NY	34	33¾
Bank of America	25¾	25
Bank of NY	31½	31½
Beatrice Foods	23¼	23¼
Bell & Howell	16½	16¼
Bendix	35¾	34½
Bethlehem Steel	20	19¾
Boeing	62	63¾
Boise Cascade	25¾	25
Borden	26¼	25½
Borg Warner	28½	28¾
Bristol Myers	32¾	32¼
BP	17½	17½
Burlington Ind	17¼	17½
Burlington Nthn	38½	37¾
Burroughs	71¾	70½
Campbell Soup	32¾	31½
Canadian Pacific	20¾	20¼
Caterpillar	56¼	55¾
Celanese	41¼	41½
Central Soya	12¾	12½
Charter NY	30¾	30½
Chase Manhat	30¾	30½
Chem Bank NY	37½	37¼
Chesapeake Ohio	26¾	26
Chrysler	9¾	9¾
Citicorp	24¾	24¼
Cities Service	53	52¾
Clark Equip	33½	33¾
Coca Cola	41½	41¾
Colgate	17¼	17¼
CBS	52	51½
Columbia Gas	27¼	27
Combustion Eng	34¼	34½
Comwlth Edison	26	25¾
Cons Edison	22½	22¼
Cons Foods	21½	21¾
Cons Power	22¾	22¼
Continental Grp	27½	27¼
Continental Oil	27½	27½
Control Data	32½	31½
Corning Glass	55¾	54¾
CPC Intnl	48¼	48
Crane	24¾	24½
Crocker Int	25¾	25¼
Crown Zeller	31½	30¾
Dart Ind	39	38½
Deere	23½	23¼
Del Monte	41½	41¼
Delta Air	41	40½
Detroit Edison	14½	14¾
Disney	37¼	37½
Dow Chemical	26½	26¼
Dresser Ind	38½	38½
Duke Power	19¼	19¼
Du Pont	124¼	120½
Eastern Air	9	8½
Eastman Kodak	58¾	58½
Eaton Corp	34½	33½
El Paso Nat Gas	15¾	16½
Equitable Life	17¼	17¼
Esmark	23¾	23¾
Evans P D.	18	17¾
Exxon Corp	50¼	50¼
Fed Dept Stores	32¼	32¼
Firestone	12¾	12¾
Fst Chicago	19¾	18¾
Fst Nat Boston	25½	25¼
Fst Penn Corp	13½	13½
Ford	41½	41½
GAF Corp	10½	10½
Gamble Skogmo	26½	25¾
Gen Dynamics	71½	70
Gen Electric	50	49¾
Gen Foods	31½	31¼
Gen Mills	29¾	29
Gen Motors	55	54½
Gen Pub Util NY	18	17¾
Gen Tel Elec	28½	28½
Gen Tire	23¾	23
Genesco	4½	4½
Georgia Pacific	25¾	26
Getty Oil	38¾	38
Gillette	20	24¾
Goodrich	18	17¾
Goodyear	16¾	16½
Gould Inc	27¾	28¼
Grace	27½	27¾
Gt Atlntc & Pacific	5¾	5¾
Greyhound	11¾	11¾
Grumman Corp	15½	15¾
Gulf Oil	25	25
Gulf & West	13¼	12¾
Heinz H. J.	37¾	37½
Hercules	15¾	16
Honeywell	64¼	63½
IC Inds	23¾	24½
Ingersoll	48¼	48¾
Inland Steel	34½	34¼
IBM	283¾	281
Int Harvester	33¾	33¾
INCO	15½	15½
Int Paper	39¾	40
Int Tel Tel	28¼	28
Jewel Co	19¾	19¾
Jim Walter	28¾	28½
Johns-Manville	24¼	23½
Johnson & John	78	78
Kaiser Alumin	32½	33
Kennecott	22¾	22¾
Kerr McGee	45½	45½
Kimberly Clark	43¾	43½
Kraftco Corp	44½	44¼
K Mart	24	23½
Kroger	34¼	33
Ligget Group	34¼	34½
L.T.V. Corp	6¾	6¾
Litton	21½	21½
Lockheed	19	18½
Lucky Stores	15½	15¼
Manuf Hanover	32¾	32½
Mapco	27½	26½
Marathon Oil	56¼	54¾
Marine Midland	14¾	15¼
Martin Marietta	26¾	26½
McDonnell	30¾	30½
Mead	26¾	26
Memorex	31½	30¾
Merck	59¾	59¼
Minnesota Mng	60¾	60
Mobil Oil	67½	66½
Monsanto	50¾	50¼
Morgan J. P.	46	45¾
Motorola	40½	40¾
NCR Corp	59	58¾
NL Industries	18½	18½
Nabisco	24¾	24½
Nat Distillers	19	18¾
Nat Steel	29¾	29½
Norfolk West	22¾	22½
NW Bancorp	24¾	25
Norton Simon	17¼	16¾
Occidental Pet	18½	18½
Ogden	28	27¾
Olin Corp	16¾	16¾
Owens-Illinois	19¾	19¾
Pacific Gas Elec	22¾	22½
Pan Am	7	6¾
Penney J. C.	32¾	32½
Pennzoil	28¾	27¾
Pepsico	25¾	25½
Pfizer	33	32¾
Phelps Dodge	20¾	20¾
Philip Morris	70¾	70¾
Phillips Petrol	30¾	30½
Polaroid	47¾	47½
PPG Ind	25¾	25
Proctor Gamble	84½	84
Pub Ser El & Gas	22½	22¾
Pullman	34¾	34
Rapid American	14¾	13¾
Raytheon	45½	45
RCA Corp	28¾	28½
Republic Steel	22½	22¾
Reynolds Ind	56¾	56¾
Reynolds Metal	32¾	31½
Rockwell Int	32¾	32¾
Royal Dutch	59	58¾
Safeways	39¾	39½
St Regis Paper	29¾	29
Santa Fe Ind	30¾	30¾
SCM	17¼	17½
Schlumberger	88½	88¾
Scott Paper	15¾	15
Seaboard Coast	28½	28¾
Seagram	25¾	25½
Sears Roebuck	20¾	20¾
Shell Oil	34¾	34
Shell Trans	43¾	44¼
Signal Co	43¾	41¾
Singer	14¾	14
Sony	8	8
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Southern Pacific	27¼	27
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Sperry Rand	41¾	41¾
Std Brands	23¾	23¾
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Sterling Drug	14¾	14¾
Stevens J. P.	14¾	14
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Sunbeam Corp	18½	18¾
Sun Comp	36¾	36½
Teledyne	91¾	89¾
Tenneco	30¾	30¾
Texaco	24½	23¾
Texas East Corp	36½	35¾
Texas Inst	81	79¾
Texas Utilities	19½	19½
Textron	26¾	26¾
TWA	17¾	17¾
Travelers Corp	33¾	33¾
TRW Inc	30¾	34½
UAL Inc	30	30¾
Unilever Ltd	40½	41
Unilever NV	59	58½
Union Bancorp	27½	27¾
Union Carbide	35¾	35
Union Oil Calif	55¾	54½
Un Pacific Corp	52¾	52
Uniroyal	5½	5½
United Brands	8½	8¾
US Industries	7¾	7¾
US Steel	22¾	22¾
Utd Technol	38¾	38¼
Wachovia	16¾	16¾
Warner Lambert	24¾	24¾
Wells Fargo	27¾	28¼
West'n Bancorp	24¾	24¾
Westnghse Elec	16¾	16¾
Weyerhauser	26¾	26½
Whirlpool	21	21
White Motor	7¾	8¼
Woolworth	18¾	19
Xerox Corp	52½	52½
Zenith	13¼	13

Canadian Prices

	Nov 20	Nov 17
Abitibi	16¾	16¾
Alcan Alumin	38¾	38¾
Algoma Steel	24½	25
Bell Telephone	63	61¾
Comineo	33½	33½
Cons Bathurst	11¾	11½
Falconbridge	30¾	31
Gulf Oil	33¾	33¾
Hawker Sid Can	7.75	7.75
Hudson Bay Min	19¾	19¾
Hudson Bay Oil	45¾	45¾
Imasco	38	38
Imperial Oil	26¾	26¾
Int Pipe	16	16
Mass.-Fergsn	11¼	11¾
Royal Trust	18¾	18¾
Seagram	33	31
Steel Co	27¾	26¾
Talcorp	10¾	10¾
Thomson N 'A'	18¾	18¾
Walker Hiram	38	37¾
WCT	11¼	11¾

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Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9345 (1.9298); three months, 1.9274 (1.9178); Canadian dollar, 85.07 (85.25).

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 805.61 (799.75); transportation, 211.65 (210.41); utilities, 99.02 (98.04); 65 stocks, 274.43 (272.02). New York Stock Exchange index, 53.04 (52.54); industrials, 57.81 (57.28); transportation, 41.73 (41.32); utilities, 38.28 (37.85); financial, 55.14 (54.63).

Discount market

Credit was in short supply on Lombard Street yesterday and the Bank of England eventually assisted the market on a moderate scale. Even so, funds were tight at the close with overnight money in the interbank market pushing up to 15 per cent.

Houses closed within a band of 12 to 12½ per cent, having opened in the region of 11½ per cent and paid around 11½ per cent for much of the morning. The banks help was channelled via purchases of a moderate amount of Treasury bills and a small number of corporation bills directly from the houses.

In the market's favour, Government disbursements exceeded revenue transfers to the Exchequer by a small amount, but there was a small net Treasury bill take-up to finance and the note circulation increased modestly.

HARTLEY INDUST TRST

Turnover for year to March 31, £440,000 (£566,400). Pre-tax profit, £59,000 (£88,700). Earnings per share, 2.95p (0.16). Interim dividend 0.99p (same).

SCOTTISH & MERCANTILE INVST

Pre-tax profit for year to March 31, £390,300 (£414,700). Earnings per share, 4.76p (5.35p). Final dividend is 3.52p gross (2.99p gross) making 5p gross (4.48p gross).

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM

New York.—Moody's Investors Service has raised ratings on Phillips Petroleum's 8⅝ per cent debentures due 2000 and 7⅝ per cent debentures due 2001 to triple-"A" from double-"A".—Reuter

ATLANTIC PEPSI-COLA

Durham, N.C.—Liggett Group Inc and Atlantic Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co have agreed in principle for Liggett to acquire Atlantic's softdrink bottling business for $124m cash.—Reuter.

Slow start likely for Singapore gold futures

Singapore's Gold Futures Exchange may get off to a slow start when it opens tomorrow, exchange members say, but business should develop quickly after that.

Five banking units and five commodity broking firms will be the first members of the exchange.

One of the banking units, New Court Merchant Bank, is part of the Rothschild banking group. The others are subsidiaries of four leading locally-founded financial houses, the Overseas Chinese Banking Corporation, United Overseas Bank, Overseas Union Bank and the partly government-owned Development Bank of Singapore.

The commodity firms, members of Singapore's international rubber broking community, first conceived the idea of setting up of the exchange in 1974, as a diversification from their main line of business.

Gold futures turnover on the New York Commodity Exchange reached a record for one day of 47,625 contracts last Friday, worth more than £1,000m, easily beating the previous record of 43,411 contracts set in October.

By contrast, Singapore needs only an estimated turnover of 100 contracts, or 10,000 ounces, to break-even on the investment in the exchange, and on clearing house facilities for processing deals, and on costs of setting up dealing operations by its 10 members, exchange members say.

One hundred contracts would be more than the average daily turnover in the Sydney Futures Market which started earlier this year. But it would still only be a fraction of Hongkong's turnover, often 1m ounces a day.—Reuter.

Peugeot-Citroen issue

The board of PSA Peugeot-Citroen is to seek shareholder approval soon to issue 1.8m new shares of 70 francs nominal value for attribution to Chrysler Corporation of the United States.

The new shares, eligible for dividend payment from January 1, 1980, will represent part of the French company's payment for the previously-announced acquisition of Chrysler's European activities.

Mr John J. Ricardo, head of Chrysler, will sit on the board of the French car group.

As a result, the capital of Peugeot-Citroen will be increased to 816.37m francs.

The board will also seek a five-year authorization to float debentures or bonds, in France or abroad, for a maximum of 500m francs.—AP-Dow Jones.

Montedison-Snia link

Montedison Spa and Snia Viscosa SPA plan to merge their domestic fibre operations beginning on January 1 in an effort to reduce losses, company sources reported in Milan.

Each of the parent companies will hold equal shares of a majority interest in the new concern, which is to be called Snia Fibre SPA. A banking consortium is expected to be formed to take up the remaining shares, and to provide financing to consolidate debts.

Montedison, which operates six Italian fibre plants, owns 39 per cent of Snia Viscosa, which operates 11. Montedison's French plants will not be affected by the merger.—AP-Dow Jones.

Sasebo deficit

Sasebo Heavy Industries Ltd expects its net deficit in the year to March 31 to increase to 16,500m yen from a loss of 1,170m last year, on sales of 58,300m yen, down 37 per cent.

Orders in the second half of the year will reach 35,400m yen, including 19,400m yen worth of new shipbuilding orders. However, losses accruing from dollar denominated shipbuilding contracts will rise in the second half, Sasebo said.—Reuter.

Metal Box in US

MB America Inc, a United States offshoot of Metal Box, of England has extended it previously proposed tender offer for all common shares outstanding of Risdon Manufacturing Co. The offer, originally scheduled to expire last Thursday is now scheduled to expire on December 11.

MB America said that 1.09m shares, or about 89 per cent of Risdon's 1.22m common shares outstanding had been tendered as of Thursday.

Risdon makes metal, plastic and paper-packaging parts and containers for cosmetics and Box makes metal, plastic and paper containers for food and cosmetics.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

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The taxpayers appealed against notices served under section 460 (3) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act, 1970, that as shareholders in Wiggins & Sons they had received a tax advantage when they sold the shares to Knoedler, and would be assessed to income tax and surtax to counteract such advantage. The special commissioners upheld the taxpayers, cancelled the notices and quashed the assessments. The Crown appealed.

Section 460 provides: "(1) Where—(a) in any such circumstances as are mentioned in section 461 below, and (b) in consequence of a transaction in securities or of the combined effect of two or more such transactions, a person is in a position to obtain, or has obtained a tax advantage . . . (3) . . . the tax advantage obtained or obtainable by him in consequence thereof shall be counteracted by such of the following adjustments, that is to say, an assessment . . . on such basis as the Board may specify by notice in writing served on him as being requisite for counteracting the tax advantage so obtained or obtainable."

Mr D. K. Rattee, QC, and Mr Brian Davenport for the Crown; Mrs Hilda Wilson for the taxpayers.

MR JUSTICE WALTON said that the Crown's case was that as the result of a "transaction in securities" the taxpayers had obtained a "tax advantage" in that they avoided the assessment to tax which would have been made had Wiggins & Son sold the picture and distributed the proceeds by way of dividend. The Crown relied on the provisions of Chapter 1 to Part XVII of the Act relating to "Cancellation of tax advantages from certain transactions in securities": in particular it was contended that the circumstance prescribed in clause D read in conjunction with clause C of section 461 existed—namely that "the person in question (ie the taxpayers) receives, in consequence of a transaction . . . a consideration which either . . . is, or represents the value of, trading stock of the company, and the said person so receives the consideration that he does not pay or bear tax on it as income".

The special commissioners, *applying the test laid down by* Lord Wilberforce in *IRC v Parker* ([1966] AC 141, 178), held that such a tax advantage had not been obtained because the receipt which it was sought to tax was the price paid for the Wiggins & Sons shares, and as there was no way in which that price could have been paid by Knoedler otherwise than as a capital sum, that price could not have been received by the taxpayers in any form that would have borne tax.

The parties had agreed that the sale of the shares was a "transaction in securities". But the issue as to whether the taxpayers had received a tax advantage as defined in section 466(1) was hotly disputed.

At first blush the cases of *IRC v Parker* and *Greenberg v IRC* ([1972] AC 109) appeared to establish that all forms of tax advantage were being struck at and that there was no restriction on the person from whom the money received by "the person in question" came. One would have thought, for example, that an obvious example of a simple tax avoidance scheme which was struck at by the particular chapter was one where the shareholders of a company awash *with undistributed profits sold the* company to a third party for much fine gold, as distinct from causing the company to declare dividends. The payments would then move, contrasting the actual with the notional payment (as directed by Lord Wilberforce in *Parker*) from different paymasters: the purchase of the shares in the one case, and the company in the other. But Mrs Wilson, for the taxpayers, submitted that it was essential for the proper application of those provisions that where the receipt by the "person in question" was a monetary payment, for the actual and the notional payments to be *made by the same person, in this* case obviously Wiggins & Sons. That, she pointed out, had been the situation in *Parker* and also in *IRC v Cleery* ([1968] AC 766).

One was, of course, bound to agree with the commissioners that no price paid by Knoedler for the shares could possibly have been taxable. But that was not of the *essence of those provisions. His* Lordship, referring to what Lord Upjohn said in *Cleery* at page 790, thought that the right determination *thought that the right question for determination* at the end of the day was: looking at the scheme as a whole, had there been "a distribution, transfer or realization including application in discharge of liabilities, of profits, income, reserves or other assets" to the taxpayer in a form in which he did not bear tax on it? That as his Lordship understood it, postulated that the assets or cash received might well have been received from a third party. Further the *Greenberg* case strongly indicated that the identity of the paymaster was irrelevant.

The commissioners had been in error when they sought, within Lord Wilberforce's method of procedure, another payment made by Knoedler. What they should have looked for was another possible way in which the profits of the company might have reached the shareholders' hands—and such a way was readily to hand by way of a sale of the Poussin and distribution of the resultant profit, which would indeed be the most natural way *in the world to proceed.* The Crown's first proposition was upheld.

The second question was whether the purchase price of the shares "is, *or* represents the value of, trading stock of the company". There was nothing in the taxpayers' argument that the £42,500 paid by Knoedler could not represent the value of the picture when it was in fact worth around £130,000. That was the price which the taxpayers were willing to accept because they were under the impression that they would be getting that sum tax free. In those circumstances the purchase price could not represent anything else.

The Crown's appeal was allowed and the assessments on the taxpayers were confirmed.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Lewis & Dick.

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The short answer in law, regardless of the justice of the taxpayer's claim, was that none of the money was "wholly" expended in the performance of his duties because the clothes which he wore visiting sites were his ordinary clothes and were not clothes bought specially for such visits. It followed that when the taxpayer purchased a suit he did so partly for warmth and decency.

Similarly when he had his clothes cleaned he did so in order that he might wear clean and not dirty clothes. The matter would be very different if the clothes he wore on the sites were clothes he wore only when visiting sites; but the mere fact that the clothes were his ordinary clothes made it impossible to say that the money which he was claiming was expended by him "wholly" in the performance of his duties.

Thus, in spite of having sympathy with the taxpayer, his Lordship found that it was impossible to decide the appeal in his favour. If one were to reflect on what the situation would be if apportionment of such expenditure, as requested by the taxpayer, was allowable one would probably come to the conclusion that the staff of the Inland Revenue would have to be trebled to deal with claims; virtually every taxpayer used his clothes in the course of his work and whether one worked in particularly dusty and dirty environments such as the Royal Courts of Justice or in a particularly hygienic and well scrubbed environments such as the premises of the various oil companies, one's clothing did get much dirtier at work than ever it did at home. Such a proposition was not a practical matter.

The appeal was allowed. The Crown did not make an application for costs.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

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Mr Garner, having been estranged from his wife, had ceased to live in the house; Mrs Garner and the couple's young child remained there.

On October 2, 1975, justices made an order under which Mr Garner was required to pay Mrs Garner £10 weekly for herself and £6 weekly for the child. Mrs Garner had accepted responsibility for the payment of the rates and the mortgage on the property in consideration of the offer of those sums for her and the child's maintenance.

Mrs Garner, having been granted a decree absolute, remarried in October, 1976, and was now Mrs French. She remained in the house with the child and her new husband.

The justices had held on those facts that Mr Garner was not in ratable occupation in the period concerned or under an obligation to pay the rate. The council appealed.

It had been held in *Cardiff Corporation v Robison* ([1957] 1 QB 39) that a husband, who had ceased to be in physical occupation of a house, continued to be in ratable occupation of it by allowing his wife to remain there as a means of discharging in part his obligation to maintain her; for, in those circumstances, the husband derived a beneficial use from the house.

In the present case, unlike the *Cardiff* case, the property was jointly owned, but that made no difference to the question whether Mr Garner was using the premises partly to discharge his obligation to maintain his wife and child.

As to the arrangement for the payment of the rates made between Mr Garner and his wife, the council, as the rating authority, was not bound by it.

Accordingly, the justices were wrong in holding that Mr Garner was not in ratable occupation of the house. The case should go back to the justices with a direction that a *suitable apportionment* be made of the sums due to reflect a concession by the council that Mr Garner was not liable for the rates from the date of Mrs Garner's remarriage.

Mr Justice Griffiths and Mr Justice Gibson agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Brian W. Longden, Loughborough.

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The employers contended that there was no loss, but that in any event he had a duty to mitigate by taking the deferred pension. The industrial tribunal held that he had lost his pension position as a result of his unfair dismissal; that the employers' contributions to the fund belonged to him; and that he should be compensated. They calculated Mr. Bardsley's entitlement in accordance with *Copson v Eversure Accessories Ltd* ([1974] ICR 636). That was correct.

Reliance was placed by the employers on Sir John Donaldson's words, at p 641, as authority for saying that once an employee had the choice of taking a deferred pension, no loss resulted. That argument was not accepted.

The first question was whether an employee had suffered any loss. It was clear that Mr Bardsley had. The next question was whether he was required to mitigate his loss by taking a deferred pension. There was no rule of law requiring an employee to take a deferred pension. If an employer wanted to show that an employee had acted unreasonably he had to prove it.

It was argued that if the industrial tribunal was right an employer paid contributions twice. Although moneys might be locked in a fund it was common knowledge that employers had to top up funds from time to time. The employers were relieved from paying a pension or contributions for Mr Bardsley and the amount in the fund could go towards topping it up for other employees. The appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Hill, Dickinson & Co, Liverpool.

Court of Appeal

Discussions between judge and counsel undesirable

Regina v Winterflood

Before Lord Justice Roskill, Mr Justice Lawson and Mr Justice Neill

[Judgment delivered Nov 17]

Lord Justice Roskill again drew attention to the undesirability of discussions taking place between the judge and counsel in private during a trial. Such discussions should take place in open court in the jury's absence so that a shorthand note can be taken of them.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Anthony Winterflood, aged 23, against a three-year sentence passed at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Argyle, QC) in November last year after he had pleaded guilty to a count charging handling stolen goods, part of some £11,000 jewelry stolen in a robbery at Shepherds Bush, London.

Mr J. E. van der Werff for the appellant.

LORD JUSTICE ROSKILL said that the appellant, who pleaded not guilty to robbery with which he was originally charged, was always willing to admit handling. When the trial had lasted four days the judge sent for counsel and, in his room, asked whether, if a count of handling were to be added to the indictment, the appellant would plead guilty. Counsel after taking instructions said yes. The judge asked Crown counsel whether such a count would be added and, after counsel had taken instructions, the judge gave leave for the *count to* be added. The trial for robbery and another, subsidiary count, was not proceeded with after the appellant had pleaded guilty to handling. The three-year sentence was not excessive.

There had been several instances recently in which complaints had been made about discussions taking place before or during trial between the judge and counsel—the latest case was *R v Llewellyn* ((1978) 67 Cr App R 149), in which all the earlier cases were mentioned.

Their Lordships once again drew *attention to the fact that it was* undesirable, unless absolutely necessary, for discussions to take place between judge and counsel during a trial. Although what happened in the present case—before *Llewellyn* was decided last March—was done with the best of intentions and produced a shortened trial, so far as their Lordships could see there was no reason why what happened should not have been done in open court, in the jury's absence, so that a shorthand note could have been taken.

Without in any way criticizing what had been done in the present case, their Lordships drew attention to the court's view so that, if the position arose on another occasion, the matter could be dealt with in open court.

Solicitors: Registrar of Criminal Appeals.

Cross examination in rape cases

Regina v Mills

The discretion of a judge under section 2 of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act, 1976, restricting cross-examination in rape *cases, was considered by the Court* of Appeal (Lord Justice Roskill, Mr Justice Lawson and Mr Justice Neill) when refusing an application by Leroy Mills, aged 28, for leave to appeal against a conviction for rape on the ground that permission to cross-examine the complainant about her antecedent sexual experiences had been refused by the trial judge. He received a four-year sentence.

LORD JUSTICE ROSKILL said that the application raised for the first time in the Court of Appeal a question under section 2. In *R v Lawrence* ([1977] Crim LR 492) at Nottingham Crown Court *Mr Justice May ruled* that cross-examination was not permissible if it was designed to form a basis for the unspoken comment, "Well, there you are members of the jury, that is the sort of girl she is." He distinguished between cross-examination designed to blacken the complainant's sexual character so as to leave such a comment, which was impermissible, and cross-examination as to the trustworthiness of her evidence, which might be permitted as going to credit properly so called.

Such cross-examination was allowable if, and only if, the judge was satisfied that it would be unfair to the accused to refuse to allow the evidence to be adduced or the question to be asked. A judge had to take the view that it was more likely than not that the particular question or line of cross-examination, if allowed, might reasonably lead the jury to take a different view of the complainant's evidence from that which they might take if the question or series of questions was, or were, not allowed.

The approach of Mr Justice May in *Lawrence* was entirely right and the trial judge in the present case (Mr Justice Boreham) had exercised his discretion on entirely right principles. It was essentially a matter for the judge's discretion, and it would be wrong for their Lordships to seek to disturb the exercise of that discretion, which had been exercised wholly in accordance with section 2.

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'No case' for altering role of Attorney General

By Marcel Berlins

There is no strong case to be made at present for splitting up and placing into separate hands the functions exercised by the Attorney General, according to Mr Peter Archer, QC, the Solicitor General.

In a Fabian pamphlet on the law officers' role, Mr Archer discusses the question whether the Attorney General's duty to represent the public interest in law enforcement is compatible with his role as senior legal adviser to the Government and the fact that he is a party politician.

Mr Archer is convinced that *whoever represents the public* interest should be a politician who can make assessments from a background and knowledge of public affairs and can be accountable to Parliament. The same was true of whoever performed the advisory function.

"The alternative, to create a separate department, headed by a separate politician and requiring a separate budget and accommodation, was not likely to prove attractive "unless and until the conduct of any law officer were such as to call the present practice in question".

The Role of the Law Officers (Fabian Research Series 339, 75p).

Commons move on plight of handicapped mother

From Our Correspondent
Brighton

Mr Andrew Bowden, Conservative MP for Brighton, Kemptown, will seek today to raise in the House of Commons the case of a severely handicaped mother who, *he says, has been made a prisoner* in her home by new mobility measures for the disabled.

Mr Bowden says that Mrs Maureen Towner, aged 23, is beyond the help of the new measures because her disability is so severe.

Mrs Towner, a poliomyelitis victim, has been bringing up her daughter Emma, aged three months, without the use of arms. She also has difficulty in walking.

Under old regulations she would have been entitled to claim for a passenger-carrying car to replace her invalid carriage. Since the changes, the only way she can get a car is claim a new £10 a week mobility allowance and join the Government-backed Motability schemet.

However, officials have said they cannot help Mrs Towner because her car would need too many modifications.

Mr Bowden, speaking at Mrs Towner's flat in Albourne Close, Brighton, said yesterday: "I shall be applying for an adjournment debate to raise this very unusual case on the floor of the House.

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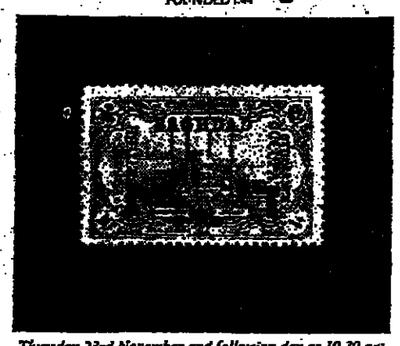
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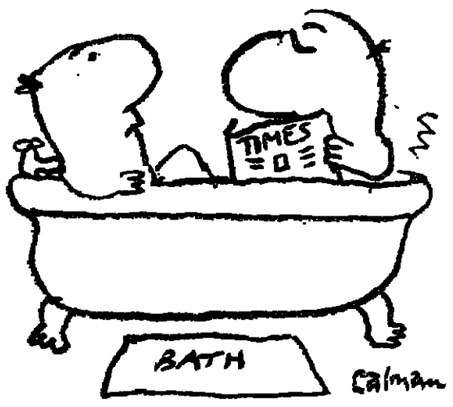
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n and Liza Goddard in tonight's Woodhouse
C 2, 9.10).

Railing's seven-part series The Voyage of (BBC 2, 8.10) goes from strength to strength. it is magnificently photographed, mpany of actors have now got their teeth neir roles that we are really beginning to care them. Tonight's episode is the nearest ibly expect any television series to get to cular. Across the pampas of Argentino go entourage, to meet Rozas, the exterminator of it's up into the Andes for some superbly nule-and mountain shots and the seashell vas to have such important gtological

ion I have refrained thus far from commenting ile performance which a newcomer, giving in the current strialization of The Birds Fall Down (BBC 2, 7.20) is that I f she could keep it up. She has done. wonder at the way she expresses absolutely ppearing to do absolutely nothing. must adore her. As for the series itself, o feel it gripping me, though I wish be done about those plunging Disney birds

that glows, beacon-bright, around Anglia es of programmes aimed mainly at those l of the age scale, begins with the title: Cliff Michelmore presents the series hough he has not yet reached retirtment age ly feels that is no reason why he cannot thers who have. I have been studying the cs the programbme will tackle and they sive list—preparation for rttirement, new ver-60s, worry worries, pensioners' rights and ast-namtd looms large in today's amme.

od night on radio that I scarcely know I should be failing in my duty, however, ng the following to your notice: t Cecilia concert by the Hallé (Radio 3, 8.00) he Dvorak Symphony No. 8, so packed with s that you could not possible squeeze in leidoscope profile of Peter Brook that takes up amme (Radio 4, 9.30); File on Four which has President Kaunda and Joshua Nkomo and the short play One Tird of the Wise Men im) by Bill Lyons, a half-factual trait of his father, who was one of n's public relations advisers. He died

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9.38 am, For Schools, Colleges (until 12.30). 9.38, Mathshow. 10.05, Look and Read (Sky Hunter). 10.30, Let's Go. 11.00 Watch (The Nativity). 11.17, Going to Work. 11.38, Taking Shape (steel). 12.05 am, A Job Worth Doing?
12.45, News and weather.
1.00, Pebble Mill: including the medical item, Medicine Matters.
1.45, How Do You Do? rhymes and games for children.
2.00, You and Me, for very young children.
2.14, For Schools, colleges (until 3.00). 2.14, Encounter: Germany (leisure). 2.30, English: D. H. Lawrence's A Collier's Friday Night (part 1).
3.20, Pobol y Cwm: Welsh serial.
3.55, Play School: The story is Alexander's Flycycle.
4.20, Deputy Dawg: cartoon. Fragrant Vagrant.
4.25, Jackanory: Kenneth Williams continues reading Norman Hunter's The Dribblesome Teapots.
4.40, Screen Test: movie quiz contest between Culverhay School, Bath and Sheldon School, Chippenham.
5.05, John Craven's Newsround: junior newsreel.
5.10, The Record Breakers: Items on trained sheep in New Zealand and bowls in Britain. With Roy Castle, Norris McWhirter.
5.40, News: With Angela Rippon.
5.55, Nationwide: films and features.
6.50, David Essex: Songs from the show Godspell, in which Mr Essex made his name.
7.20, James Burke's Connections: Skating, lovemaking, soda-water and package tours are some of the clues in tonight's historical detection story.
8.10, Dallas: more tense tales from Texas. Tonight: a senatorial election campaign.
9.00, News: with Angela Rippon.
9.25, Play for Today. Sorry ... Two plays by Czech dissident Vaclav Havel. Michael Crawford appears in both. He plays a writer, involved in two very different situations—one of them markedly similar to Havel's, in real life.
10.55, Tonight: presented by Denis Tuohy and Valerie Singleton.
11.35, Roads to Conflict: part 8 of this Middle East crisis series. Tonight: Nasser and Israel.
12.00, Weather/Regional News.

BBC 2

10.30 am, Working for Safety: the possible health hazards in chemicals used at work (r).
11.00, Play School: same as BBC 1, 3.55.
Closedown at 11.25.
2.30 pm, The Engineers: films about professional engineers. Today, Mike Neale, expert on flexible couplings.
3.00, Propaganda with Facts: how the cinema during the last war dealt with the Fifth Column threat.
3.30, The Living City: sociology series. The National employment structure in Britain. Close down at 3.55.
4.45, Open University: General Assembly 1978. Until 5.35.
5.35, News: with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.
5.40, Schubert: tonight's commemorative programme covers the musician's works from 1816 to 1821 which include The Trout (see also 11.20).
6.10, Tales from Hoffnung: cartoon. The Vacuum Cleaner (r).
6.20, Digame: Spanish for beginners (r).
6.45, News and weather.
6.50, Empire Road: part 4 of this story of Asians and West Indians in Birmingham. Tonight: May's two sons go to jail.
7.20, The Birds Fall down: repeat of part 4 of the Rebecca West novel. Laura believes Kamensky plans to kell her. (See Personal Choice).
8.10, The Voyage of Charles Darwin: part 4. Mainly a dry land episode tonight, as Darwin meets the vicious Indian killer General Rosas and goes up into the mighty Andes. (See Personal Choice).
9.10, Wodehouse Playhouse: The Luck of the Stiffhams. Young Adolphus (John Alderton) wooes the boss's daughter (Liza Goddard).
9.45, Man Alive: an investigation of the "Baby Business" in America which is becoming a big money spinner. A comparison is made with the position in Britain.
10.30, Floodlit Rugby League: the last quarter final of the BBC 2 competition. Hull KR play Widnes, the League champions.
11.10, News and weather.
11.20, Schubert: the commemorative programmes continue with the Beaux Arts Trio playing the Piano Trio in E flat major Op 100.
12.05 am, Close down: Martin Barker's poem Campsite is read by Jill Bacon.
Some programmes, in the early evening, may not be transmitted because of an industrial dispute.

THAMES

9.30 am, Schools: Seeing and Doing (water power); 9.47, Reading with Lenny; 10.00, Believe it or Not; 10.18, It's More Life; 10.40, Politics; 11.05, Leapfrog (maths); 11.22, Good Health (Germs); 11.39, The Land (Cumbrian Lake District).
12.00, Chorlton and the Wheelies: a Fenella the Witch story.
12.10 pm, Pipkins: story of a greedy pig.
12.30, A Ripe Old Age: new series designed for older viewers. Today, items on relaxation, and an inquiry into why some people live longer than others. The presenter is Cliff Michelmore. (See Personal Choice).
1.00, News, with Peter Sissons.
1.20, Thames News, with Robin Houston.
1.30, Crown Court: a new case begins today. An inter-family feud leads to a wounding charge.
2.00 After Noon: Elaine Grand finds out about handicrafts.
2.25, Raffles: repeated series about a gentleman crook (Anthony Valentine plays Raffles). Today, a millionaire is the thief's target.
3.20, Heart to Heart: Marion Burman explains why she renounced her nun's vows after 30 years.
3.50, The Sullivans: family story set in Australia.
4.20, Get it Together: pop music programme, with guitarist Gordon Giltrap.
4.45, Magpie: children's magazine programme.
5.15, Emmerdale Farm: countryside serial. What Sam Pearson saw.
5.45, News.
6.00, Thames at Six.
6.25, Help! Joan Shenton's information spot.
6.35, Crossroads: motel saga.
7.00, Botanic Man: David Bellamy goes to Ecuador, the birthplace, apparently, of potatoes, tomatoes and beans—and the humming bird's native hearh.
7.30, Charlie's Angels: adventure yarns with women doing most of the hard work.
8.30, The Upchat Connection: The womanizer (Robin Nedwell) has to give a girl a lesson in cockney speech.
9.00, Fallen Hero: part two of this new series about an injured Rugby League player. Tonight, he goes home to Wales.
10.00, News.
10.30, A House for the Future—A Thing of the Past? A look, after four years, at the house that was intended as a fuel saver.
11.30, Thames Debate: Llew Gardner asks some leading politicians: Can the Government survive?
12.15 am, Close: A painting by Renoir, some music by Franck.

RADIO

Radio 4

6.00 am, News, weather, papers, sport.
6.10, Farming. 6.30, Today. 7.00, 8.00, News. 7.30, 8.30, Headlines.
8.35, Yesterday in Parliament.
9.00, News.
9.05, Tuesday Call. 10.00, News.
10.05, Local Time.
10.30, Service.
10.45, Story: Alice.
11.00, News.
11.05, Play: One Third of the Wise Men.
11.35, Four Adrift.
12.00, News.
12.02 pm, You and Yours.
12.20, Desert Island Discs.
1.00, The World at One.
1.30, The Archers.
1.45, Woman's Hour.
2.45, Listen with Mother.
3.00, News.
3.10, Questions to the Prime Minister.
3.35, Vanity Fair (8).†
4.30, My Delight: with Louis Allen.
4.35, Story: The Master of Ballantrae (serial) (2).
5.00, Reports.
6.00, Six o'clock News.
6.30, Peter Hudson Show.†
7.00, News.
7.05, The Archers.
7.20, File On 4. Zambia.
8.00, Black Rhythm and Roots.
8.45, A Symphony of the Body.†
9.30, Written on the Wind: Art of Peter Brook.
9.59, Weather.
10.00, The World Tonight.
10.30, The Jason Explanation of Failure.†
11.00, A Book at Bedtime. The Price of Love (7).
11.15, The Financial World.
11.30, Today in Parliament.
12.00, News, weather.
12.20-12.23 am, Inshore forecast.
VHF: 6.50, Regional News and Weather. 7.50, Regional News and Weather. 9.40, For Schools. 10.45, For Schools. 12.55 pm, Regional News and Weather (except London and SE). 2.00, For Schools. 5.55, Regional News and Weather. 11.00, Study On 4. Digame (8). 11.30, Close.

Radio 3

6.55 am, Weather.
7.00, News.
7.05, Concert: Vivaldi, Purcell, Schubert.†
8.00, News.
8.05, Concert: Bizet, Gianneo, Beethoven, Vieuxtemps.†
9.00, News.
9.05, Composer: Rimsky-Korsakov.
9.55, Gwenneth Pryor, Piano: Mozart, Debussy, Schubert.†
10.55, Hindemith's First Two Quartets.†
12.05 pm, BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra, part 1: Rossini, Harries, Dvorak.†
1.00, News.
1.05, The Arts Worldwide.
1.20, BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra, part 2: Mozart, Schumann.†
2.15, Music at St George's, Bristol, by Beethoven, Elgar.†
3.15, Radio 3 Frequency Change.†
3.20, Robin Holloway: Four song-cycles.†
4.30, Master Cellists: Rostropovich plays Debussy, Myaskovsky.†
5.15, Jazz Today.†
5.45, Homeward Bound.†
6.30, News.
6.35, At Home: Hungarians play Franz Liszt.†
7.30, Liszt and Schubert: talk by Alan Walker.†
8.00, Royal Concert: Feast of St Cecilia, part 1: Bliss, Wolf-Ferrari, Beethoven.†
8.45, Pursuit of Happiness in 18th Century (2) Culture of Provinces.
9.05, Royal Concert, part 2: Walton, Dvorak.
9.55, The Prelude (6) Residence in London.
10.25, Cello and Piano: Fauré, Mendelssohn.†
11.15, Play: Join Me in the Dark, by Henry Woolf.
11.45, News.
11.50, Schubert Song.

Radio 2

News at 5.00 and 5.30, 6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00; on the hour to 6.00, 6.30, 7.0, 2.00 am
5.00 am, News, weather. 5.02, Tony Brandon.† 7.32, Terry Wogan.† 8.27, Racing Bulletin. 10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray's Open House in Birmingham.† 1.02, RAC Rally report. 1.45, Sports Desk. racing. 2.30, David Hamilton.† 2.45 and 3.45, Sports Desk. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.48, John Dunn.† 5.45, Sports Desk. 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, On the Third Beat.† 7.30, Folk 78, Mary O'Hara.† 8.02, Gala Night: Terry Wogan.† 9.02, Among Your Souvenirs.† 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, The Frankie Howerd Show. 11.02, Brian Matthew: Round Midnight. 12.00, News, weather. 2.00-2.02 am, News.

Radio 1

News on half hour 6.30 am to 11.30, 1.30 pm to 4.30, 6.30, 8.30.
5.00 am, As Radio 2. 7.00, Dave Lee Travis. 9.00, Simon Bates including The Golden Hour. 11.31, Paul Burnett including new Top 40 discs, and 12.30 pm, Newsbeat. 2.00, Tony Blackburn including National Pop Panel. 4.31, Kid Jensen including 5.30, News beat. 7.30 to 10.00, As Radio 2. 10.00, John Peel.† 12.00-2.02 am, As Radio 2.

VHF RADIOS 1 and 2: 5.00 am, With Radio 2. 1.55 pm, Good Listening. 10.00, With Radio 1. 12.00-2.02 am, With Radio 2.

REGIONAL TV

HTV

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Report West Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Rugby. 4.10, Goofy Gophers. 4.20, Thames. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Report West. 6.30, Botanic Man. 7.00, Three Little Words. 7.30, Fantasy Island. 8.30, Thames. 11.30, Code R. 12.25 am, Weather. Close.
HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV WEST except: 1.20 pm, Penawdau Newyddion y Dydd. 1.25, Report Wales Headlines. 4.20, Goglis. 6.00, Y Dydd. 6.15, Report Wales. 10.00, News. Report Wales Headlines. 10.30, Bywyd. 11.30, Looks Familiar. 12.00, Weather. Close.
HTV GENERAL SERVICE: As HTV WEST except: 1.25 pm, Report Wales Headlines. 6.15, Report Wales.

Channel

9.30 am, Thames. 1.18 pm, Channel Lunchtime News. What's On Where. Weather. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Mr and Mrs. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Report at Six. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, Treasure Hunt. 7.30, Fantasy Island. 8.30, Thames. 10.28, Channel News. Weather. 10.32, Thames. 11.30, Pro-celebrity Snooker. 12.10 am, Commentaries et Previsions Meteorologique. Close.

Border

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Rugby: Combined Services v New Zealand. 4.10, Cartoon. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, The Sullivans. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Lookaround. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Fantasy Island. 8.30, Thames. 11.30, Ski-ing with Gina. 12.00, Border News, Weather. 12.03 am, Close.

Yorkshire

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Calendar Tuesday. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, You're Only Young Twice. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Calendar, Weather. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Fantasy Island. 8.30, Thames. 11.30, Bob Newhart Show. 12.00, Stars on Ice. 12.30 am, Close.

Granada

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.10, What's New. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Emmerdale Farm. 7.00, University Challenge. 7.30, Thames 11.30, Dan August. 12.30 am, Close.

Ulster

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 2.25, Rugby Union. 4.10, Cartoons. 4.18, Ulster Headlines. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Cartoons. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Reports. 6.35, Mary Tyler Moore Show. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Fantasy Island. 8.30, Thames. 11.30, Bedtime. 11.40, Close.

ATV

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV Newsdesk. 1.30, Thames. 3.25, Heart to Heart. 3.55, The Electric Theatre Show. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Mr and Mrs. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Fantasy Island. 8.30, Thames. 11.30, Oscar Peterson Presents: Bernie Senensky. 12.00, Something Different. 12.20 am, Close.

Westward

9.30 am, Thames. 12.27 pm, Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 12.30, Thames. 1.20, Westward Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Mr and Mrs. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, Treasure Hunt. 7.30, Thames. 10.28, Westward News, Weather. 10.30, Thames. 11.30, Pro-celebrity Snooker. 12.10 am, Faith for Life. 12.15, Close.

Grampian

9.25 am, First Thing. 9.30, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.25, Rugby: Combined Services v New Zealand. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Mr and Mrs. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Grampian Today. Weather. 6.10, Country Focus. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, Power without Glory. 12.25 am, Reflections. 12.30, Grampian Headlines. 12.35, Close.

Tyne Tees

9.25 am, The Good Word. North East Headlines. Weather. 9.30, Thames. 1.20 pm, North East News. Lookaround. Weather. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, The Brady Bunch. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Fantasy Island. 8.30, Thames. 11.30, Bob Newhart Show. 12.00, Police Surgeon. 12.30 am, Epilogue. 12.35, Close.

Scottish

9.30 am, Thames. 1.25 pm, News Weather. 1.30, Thames. 2.25, Rugby Union: Combined Services v the New Zealand All Blacks. 4.10, Cartoon. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Cartoons. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, What's Your Problem? 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Thames. 11.30, Late Call. 11.35, Pro-celebrity Snooker. 12.20 am, Close.

Southern

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. Weather. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Rugby: Combined Services v New Zealand. 4.10, Cartoons. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Undersea Adventures of Captain Nemo. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Day by Day, Southsport. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Thames. 11.30, Southern News Extra. 11.40, Pro-celebrity Snooker. 12.25 am, Weather. I'll Tell the Vicar. Close.

Anglia

9.30 am, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, The Rolf Harris Show. 7.30, Thames. 11.30 Westside Medical. The Memaid. 12.25 am, Chapter and Verse. Close.

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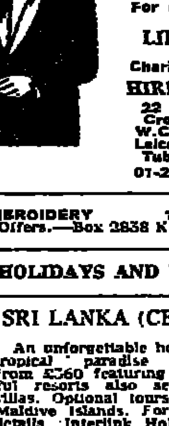
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BRYANT.—On 19 November suddenly, Gladys Maude, of Kynance Gardens, Stanmore, mother of Joyce and John, widow of the late Harold Thomas. Cremation at Hendon Crematorium on Friday, 24 November at 11.30 a.m.

CHAMBERS.—On 19th November, 1978, peacefully in a private nursing home, Robert Parker, aged 81, previously of Whitebays Warren Drive, Kingswood, Surrey, much loved father of James. Funeral service on Wednesday, 22nd November, at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, at 3.30. No flowers, please, donations, if desired, to The Royal Masonic Hospital, Ravenscourt Park, London, W.6.

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CORDELL.—On November 15th, 1978, William H., retired Unitarian Minister, Huddersfield. Cremation on Tuesday, November 21st, 1978, 3 p.m.

DANIEL.—On November 16th, after a great fight for life, Kathleen (Katie) nee Garrett, of Armadale, Arminghall, Norfolk, aged 42, much loved wife of Richard and mother of Linda, Penny, Pauline and Alison. Private family cremation. Donations in lieu of flowers, please, to her favourite charity, The Horse Rescue Fund Ilketshall, Suffolk.

DARBYSHIRE.—On November 16th, Jessy Bowne, aged 85 years, formerly of Sling Lane, Malvern. Funeral service at Christ Church, Malvern, on Wednesday, November 22nd, at 3 p.m. followed by interment at Malvern Cemetery.

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JANUARY.—On Saturday, November 18, 1978, Douglas Lionel, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather, peacefully, at his home, aged 87 years. Funeral service will be held at Great Shelford Church, Thursday, November 23rd at 3.30 p.m., followed by cremation. Flowers may be sent to W. Baden Lilley & Co., at Mill Lane, Cambridge.

JOHNSTON.—On 19 November, 1978, Robert Henry Johnston, O.B.E., Marylands, Frinton-on-Sea (late of Flowton Priory, Harpenden), dearly loved and loving husband of Pat. Cremation at Ipswich Crematorium, on Thursday, 23 November, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please.

KIPLING.—On November 19, 1978, after much illness, peacefully at his home, 81 Lillington Rd., Leamington Spa, Dr. Miles Denton Kipling, M.A., V.R.D., dearly loved. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Leamington Spa, on Thursday, November 23, at 2.15 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please.

LITTLE.—On November 19th, suddenly in Australia, Evelyn Ann (Polly), beloved wife of James, and sister of Elisabeth (Peter) Gordon, Oliver Smedley and Pamela Spencer (deceased). Donations, if wished, to the British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0BD.

MACGEORGE.—On November 17th, 1978, Col. Robert Andrew (Bob), late The Rifle Brigade, of Little Barton, Park Chase, Guildford, Surrey. Beloved husband of Marjory and devoted father of David and Patrick. Cremation private. By his own request, family flowers only, but, if desired, donations to Royal Marsden Hospital, Hamilton Fairlie Leukaemia Research Unit, Sutton, Surrey.

MACKAY.—On 16th November, 1978, tragically as the result of a road accident, Andrew William, of Stodrig, Kelso, formerly of the RICS, London. Darling husband of Vivien, beloved son of Marjorie and the late John Hugh Mackay, and dear brother of Angus. Service and cremation locally. Service of Remembrance to be held in London.

MACMILLAN.—On Friday, November 17th, 1978, peacefully, at Western Infirmary, Glasgow, Malcolm Kenneth, aged 65 years (Member of Parliament for the Western Isles, 1935-1970) of 69 St. Vincent Crescent, Glasgow. Dearly beloved husband of Nancy Stirling and dear father of Kenneth, Oona, Norren, Mhairi, Jean and Malcolm. "To live in mankind is far more than to live in a name".

MADDICK.—On 16th November, Grace, widow of Ernest Hastings Maddick, gently in her sleep. Funeral at Streatham Crematorium at 12 noon, Saturday, 25th November.

MAITLAND.—On November 11, 1978, Rachel Mary, widow of Commander Pelham Maitland, D.S.C., R.N. The funeral took place on November 16 in Bath.

MOCKLER-FERRYMAN.—On 19th November, Brigadier Eric Edward Mockler-Ferryman, C.B., C.B.E., M.C. (The Moke), at Eastbourne, after a short illness. Cremation Friday, 24th. Messrs. Haines. Private, no flowers.

MORTON.—DR. THOMAS HENRY MORTON, Ph.D. (Cantab), B.Sc (Birm.), F.R.I.C., F.S.D.C., F.T.I., on November 18th, 1978, peacefully at home, Strawberry Hill House, Braintree, after a long illness, borne with great courage. Cremation 12 o'clock November 24th, at Chelmsford Crematorium, for family and close friends. Donations if desired to Heart Foundation Appeal, c/o Mr G. Collins, Funeral Directors, White Notley, Witham, Essex. Memorial service at St. Mary's Church, Bocking, Essex. Details later.

MURRAY.—November 19, 1978, suddenly, aged 47, John Coventry Murray, of Oak Lodge, Millbeck Green, Collingham, Wetherby, dearly beloved husband of Phyl and much loved father of Lachlan. Funeral private, no flowers, by request.

PAGE, EVELINE MARY.—On 17th November, at 10 The Close, Exeter, aged 90, wife of the late William Page, of West Wickham. Cremation at Exeter and Devon Crematorium, at 4 p.m., Friday, 24th November. Committal of ashes at 2.30 p.m., Friday, 1st December, at Reigate Parish Church.

PEASE.—On November 19th, 1978, Muriel Ada (nee Pullan), aged 85, of Limpsfield, Surrey, wife of Nicolas and mother of Martyn and Veronica Farrington. Cremation private. No flowers, please.

ROBERTS, SIR WALTER ST. CLAIR of Leaton Lodge, Bomere Heath, Shrewsbury, on 18th November. Funeral service at Fitz Church, 12 noon, 23rd November.

RONALDS, ANDREW JOHN RONALDS (formerly known as Romanenko) Passed away 1st November, 1978, in East London, Republic of South Africa.

SCHUBERT-SMITH.—On 19th November, Jillian (nee Nasmith), in California on the anniversary of her husband's death, after much sadness and suffering, so loved and missed by her sisters and brother.

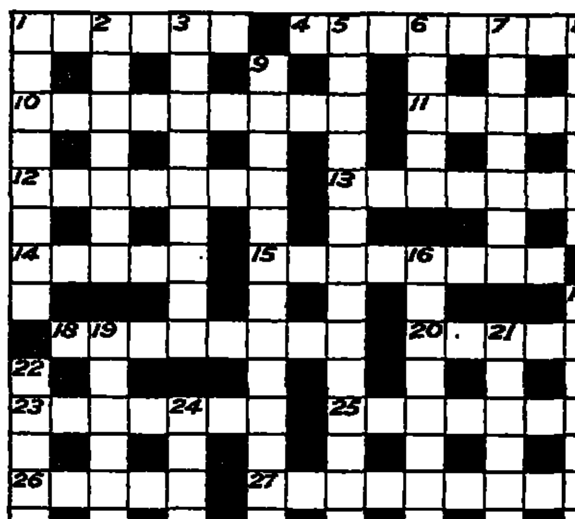
STEWART, LILIAN AMY, aged 97 years, on Monday, November 20th, peacefully in her sleep. Funeral, Bolton-by-Bowland, 2.00 p.m., Friday, November 24th. Flowers to S. Robinson, Bolton-by-Bowland, Clitheroe, Lancashire.

TACON.—On November 18th, at The Home of Rest, Ramsey, Isle of Man, Maud Mary Somervell, aged 101 years, widow of Canon Edward Curphey Paton, daughter of the late Frederick and Mary Agnes Gelderd and eldest grandchild of the late Robert Miller Somervell of Hazelthwaite, Windermere.

TRAVERS.—On 18th November, 1978, Maud, peacefully, at Finchampstead.

TAYLOR.—On November 18th, 1978, Raymond, Capt. Royal Navy, C.B.E., of 8 Transmere Close, Lymington, for 53 years dear husband of Rose, much loved father and grandfather. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Milstead, nr. Lyndhurst, Hants., on Thursday, November 23rd, at 2.15 p.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers, please.

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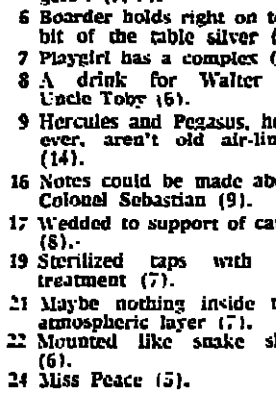
ACROSS

1 Source of nocturnal entertainment (6).
4 Church assemblies show literary divisions (8).
10 Must be fine ground for such grain production (9).
11 Some hope raised at Covent Garden (5).
12 Unprogressive types of Bedford and Leicester (7).
13 Landed, by chance, not in the dark (7).
14 Clym's native heath (5).
15 Weak opponent from the Tenderloin? (4, 4).
18 London bridge battle (8).
20 Posts said to be sex-discriminatory (5).
23 Border-line range of cloth (7).
25 Jessica's lover was magnificent! (7).
26 Mythical flower producing amnesia (5).
27 Assorting different players (9).
28 Lace for a French noblewoman (8).
29 Frank Peel's description, we hear (6).

DOWN

1 What solicitor did with bill when worked out? (8).
2 A reason for being stranded (7).
3 Nine cent free make-up deduction (9).
5 School for King's Messengers? (7, 7).
6 Boarder holds right on to a bit of the table silver (5).
7 Playgirl has a complex (7).
8 A drink for Walter or Uncle Toby (6).
9 Hercules and Pegasus, however, aren't old air-liners (14).
16 Notes could be made about Colonel Sebastian (9).
17 Wedded to support of cause (8).
19 Sterilized taps with ice treatment (7).
21 Maybe nothing inside this atmospheric layer (7).
22 Mounted like snake skin (6).
24 Miss Peace (5).

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DEATHS

VENABLES, RUTH.—On November 19th peacefully after a long illness at her home, Thurle Beeches, Streatley, Berks, dearest wife of Charles. Cremation at Reading Crematorium on Thursday, 23rd November at 2.30 p.m. No flowers by request.

WALKER.—On November 16th, 1978, Phyllis Marjorie. Peacefully in her sleep. Funeral 11.30 at Reading Crematorium, Wednesday, 22nd November, 1978.

WILSON.—On 19th November, 1978, William, dearly beloved husband of Gudrun and father of Anthony, Michael and Tatjana. He will be greatly missed. Funeral service at St. Marylebone Cemetery, East End Road, Finchley, N.3, on Thursday, 23rd November, at 11 a.m. Floral tributes to Cooksey & Son Ltd., 100 Fortis Green Road, Muswell Hill, N.10.

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